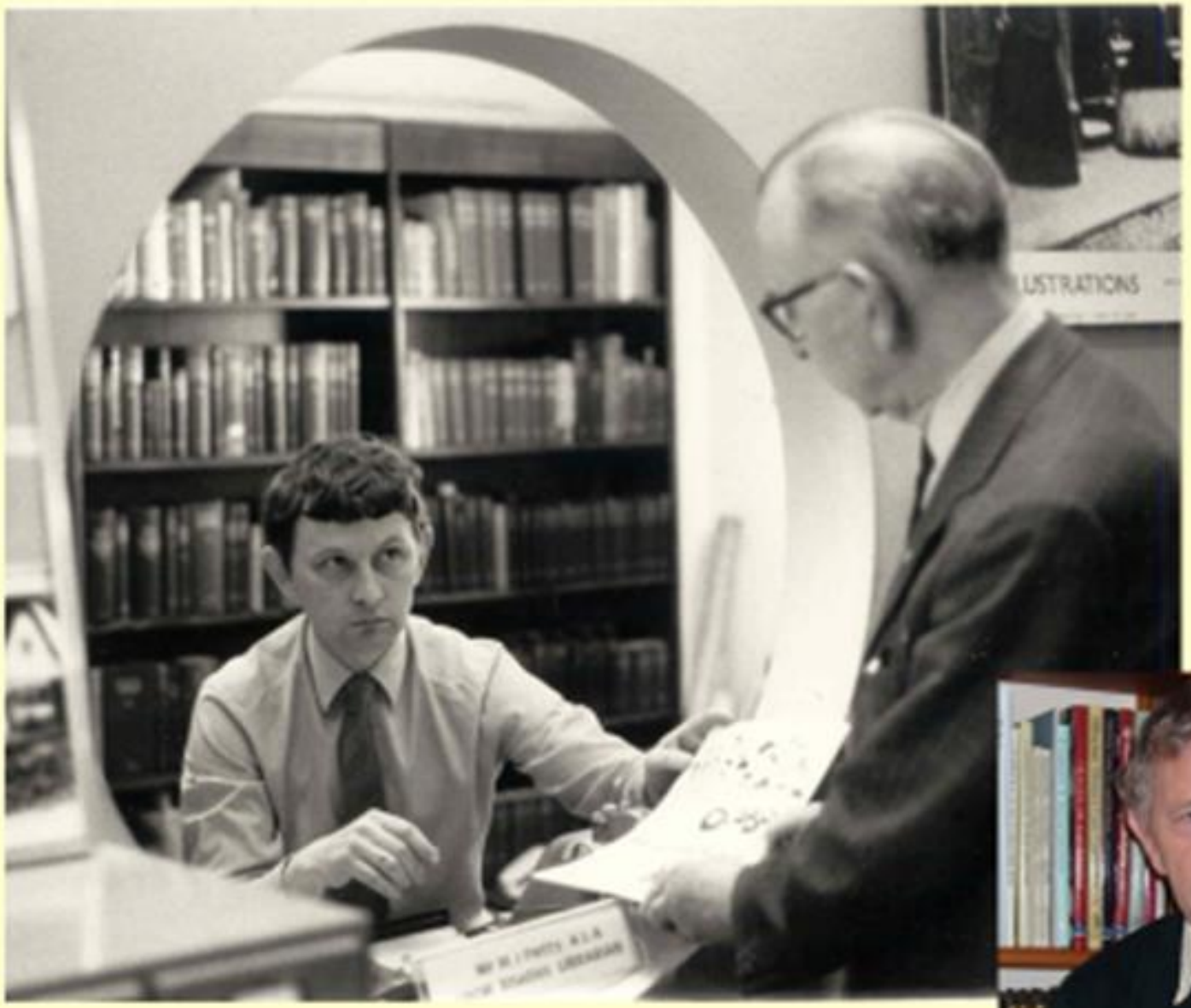

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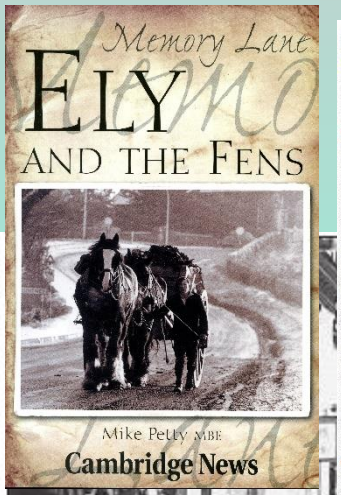

LOOKING BACK

Chaos as gales batter county

» FROM THE NEWS, 1987

Gale-lashed Cambridgeshire is counting the cost of 70mph winds that caused damage and destruction. A roof was torn off a pig farm building in Molesworth, two children were injured at Godmanchester when they were hit by a falling tree and a wall collapsed on cars at St Eligius Street in Cambridge. Some 20 cars and lorries were bowled over by the wind and four buses overturned. Two lorries collided after being blown together on the A45 near Ellsley a furniture van was blown off the A10 on the Norfolk border and passengers in a Mini had a narrow escape when it was struck by a falling tree in Fordham Road, Newmarket.

Sam, keeper of the Guildhall

» FROM THE NEWS, 1952

Sam Giddens, the Guildhall keeper, is the last to leave at night. He was custodian of the Corn Exchange for 11 years before moving to the Guildhall, where he supervises the cleaning staff, sees to the heating arrangements, sets out

All our yesterdays for summer street party

Memories

By MIKE PETTY

THE residents of Hemingford Road, off Mill Road in the Romsey area of Cambridge, are planning a street party in July. They are looking for memories or photographs of how people lived in the past and have enlisted the help of local historian Allan Brigham.

His research reveals the area was developed in the early 1870s when Francis Thoday, one of the largest builders in Cambridge, bought many plots of land when the Romsey Farm Estate was put up for sale.

Then when Hemingford Road itself was developed in 1878 Thomas Kingston, another builder, purchased at least 12 of the plots. Tom Hayward, the famous cricketer, also bought a row of the houses that he rented out to tenants.

Allan has worked through corporation building plans in the county archives at Shire Hall – it was magical taking the tracings out of their brown envelopes where they had lain since being approved 100 years ago, he says. But

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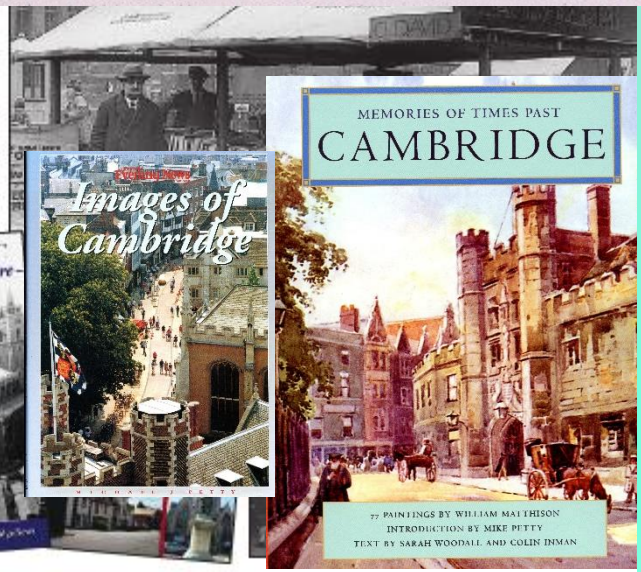
Romsey Town.



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Glimpses of our disappearing heritage

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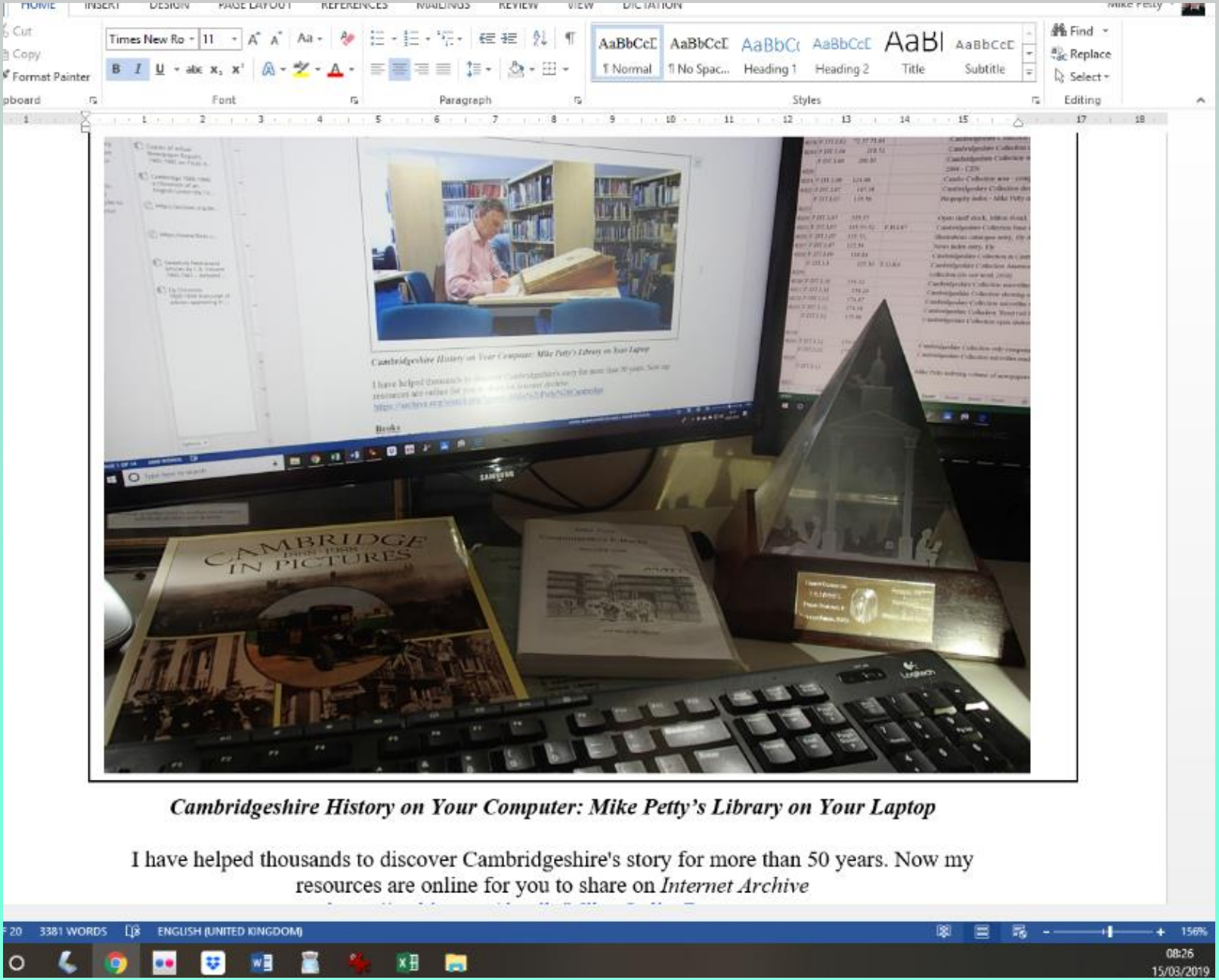

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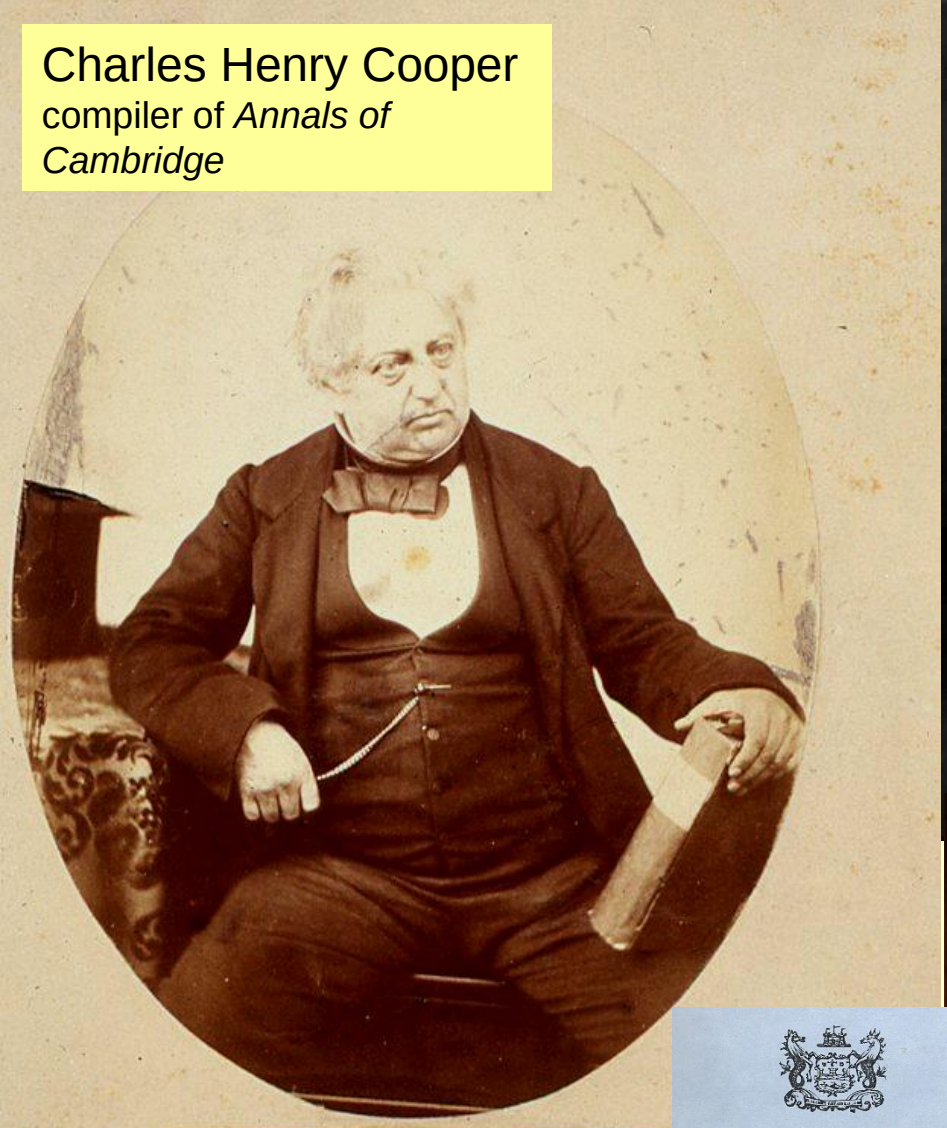

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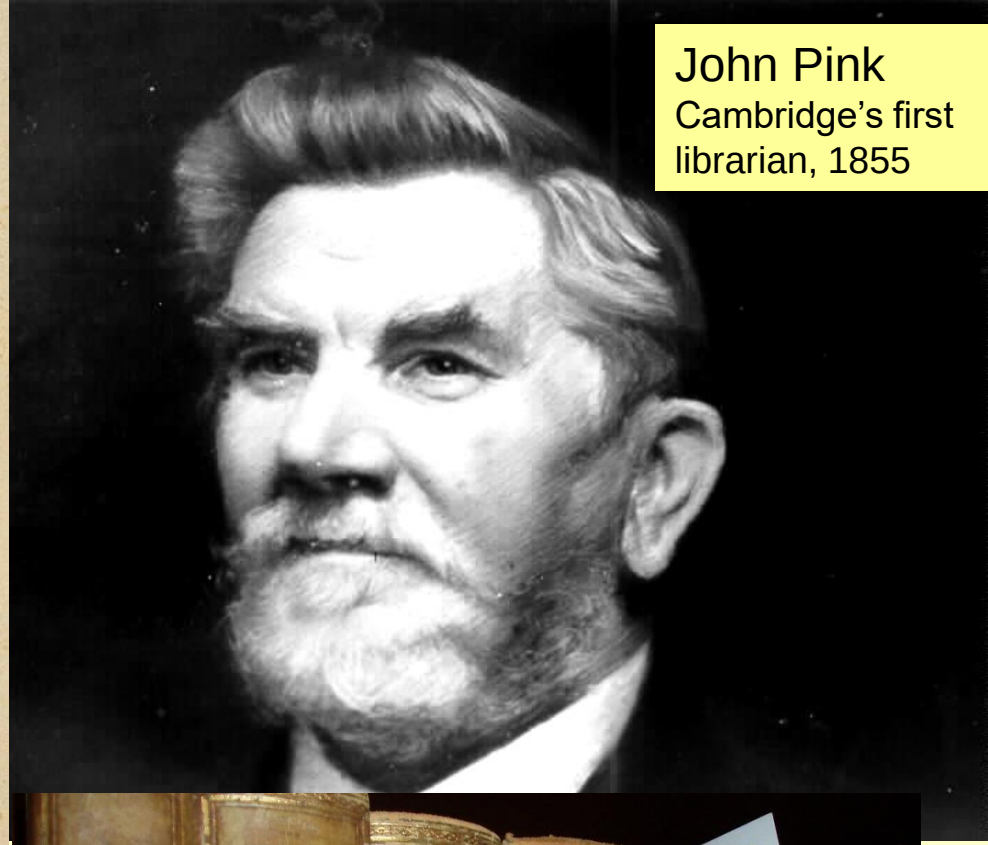
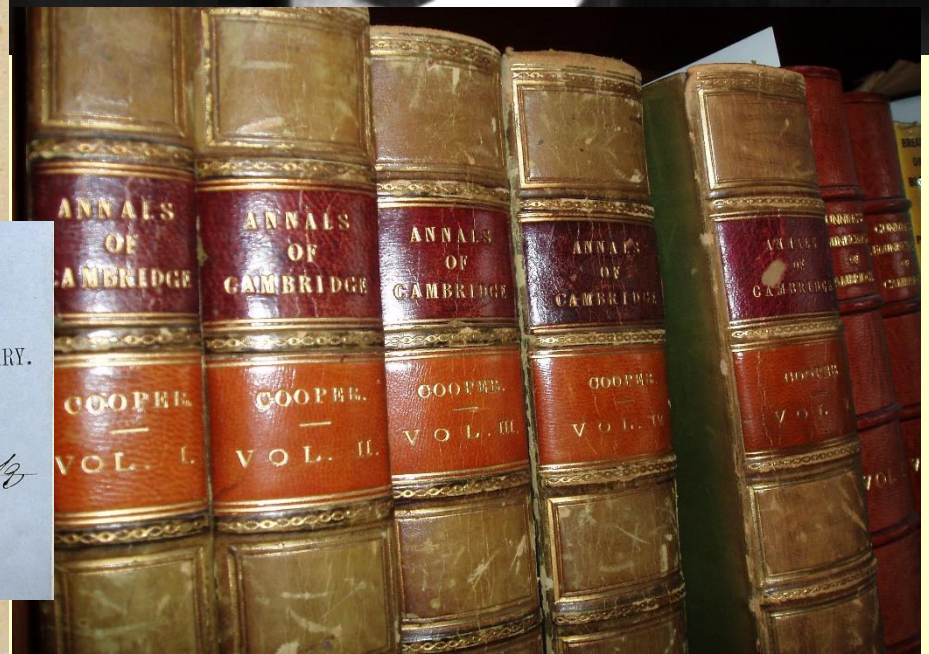
Cambridge's first librarian, 1855





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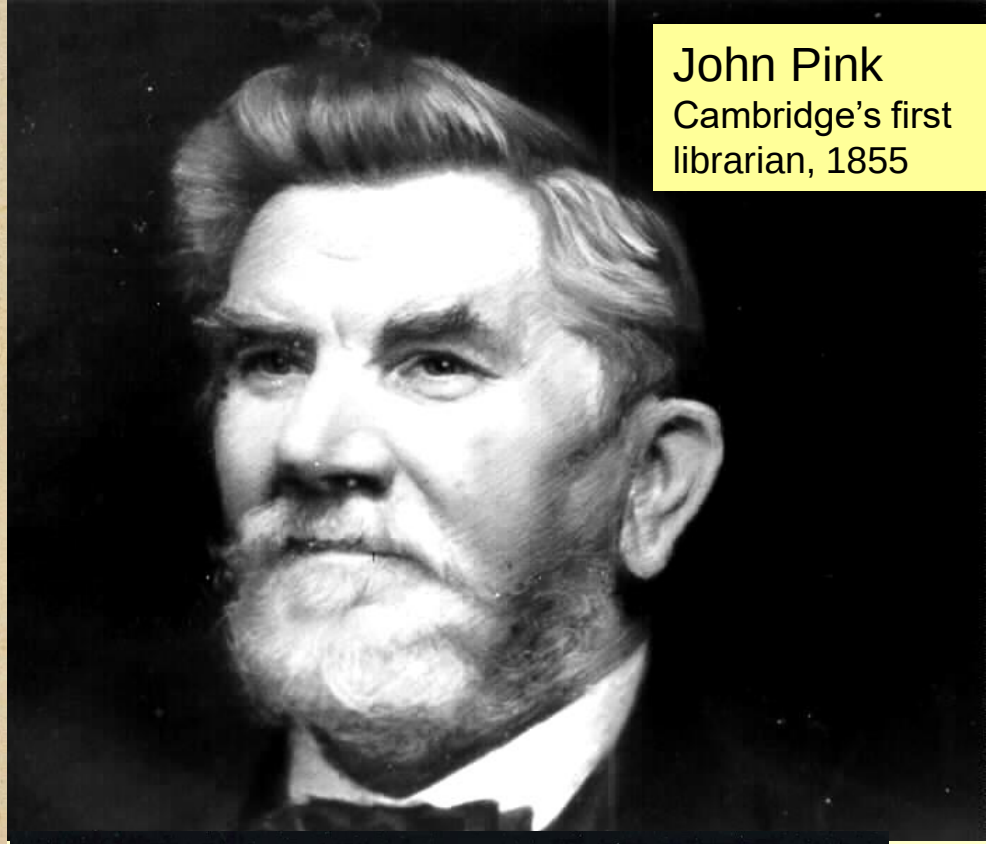

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c.02 : Events, Royal visits etc

Queen Elizabeth II visits Guildhall, 1955 *107.53*

headlines

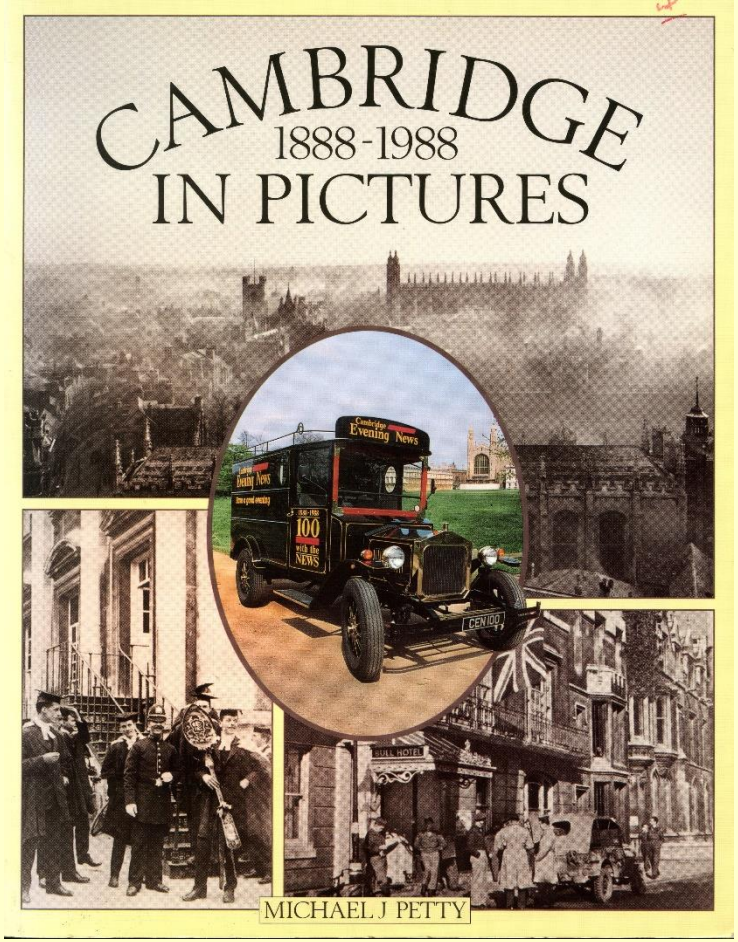
It is little known that the Master of Trinity College has the prerogative of remaining covered in the presence of the Sovereign and on one occasion when Queen Victoria visited Cambridge he kept his hat on. The Queen apparently did not notice the circumstances and he began to feel uncomfortable. At length he said; "Your Majesty has perhaps wondered that I should be so far lacking in respect, but Lord Kingsale in Ireland, Lord Forester in England and the Master of Trinity have a right to keep their hats on in the presence of their Sovereign". "Quite so – ahem – but not in the presence of a lady" was the Queen's freezing reply. CDN 20.5.1904

c.03 : museums

Enid Porter at Folk Museum *123.52*

headlines

1897 Sometime in the course of Tuesday night a desperately determined attempt was made obtain entrance to the Fitzwilliam Museum. which in its invaluable pictures, its gems, and its magnificent collection of articles of ancient and modern art would, if successfully broken into



c.04 : newspapers

headlines

David Mordecai left school in 1839 and obtained a situation as 'reader' to the Cambridge Chronicle and Cambridge Independent Press newspapers. In 1864 he joined Fred Metcalfe in the founding of the Cambridge Express which was the only penny weekly paper in Cambridge for a number of years. The Cambridge Chronicle, which was regarded as the official Conservative organ, refused to consider reducing their price so some members of the party acquired the Express. It subsequently merged into the Cambridgeshire Weekly News 11 01 27d

Mr H C Bruce of New Fletton, Peterborough has written to say: "I have always had a warm spot

c.06 - auctioneers, house prices etc

Hockey & sons, auctioneers in Bene't Street, 1937 *10110*

1907 'The Cambridge and District Property Register' published by Hockey, estate agents, comprises a list of 200 houses to be let or for sale. They vary in price from £75 to £2,500 with rents from £14 to £100. There is also a list of shops and business premises including seven lodging-houses. With several excellent coloured views this register is a very creditable production 07 09 04a

1908 The sale of the estate of Mr R.R. Rowe, late Borough Surveyor, includes a block of property mid-way between the station and the Post Office which would be suitable for the erection of a college, church, hotel or other business purposes. The residence known as Park House on Parkside, together with houses in Fitzroy Street, King Street and French's Road are also offered in the largest sale held in Cambridge for some long time. 08 02 25 & a & 29

1909 Harry William Wallis, auctioneer, said he taken over the business from his father in 1907

c.12 : weather. meteorology, astronomy

Snow on the Backs, April 1908 *109.27*

headlines

1889 severe thunderstorm causes extensive damage [2.5]

1891 wall at Hyde Park corner blows down in gale, girl killed [2.2]

1894 serious floods [4.18,1.5]

1895 great frost lasted from January to March unbroken except for very brief thaws; 18 to 25 were snowstorms, floods & north-west gales; frosts of 15 to 20 degrees turned of acres of flooded land into skating rinks; for 2 months was possible to skate from Can Grantchester or Ely. Three fields at Newnham flooded & electric lights allowed skaters

c.12.5 – flood

Campkin Road July 1970 *89.33*

1894 serious floods [4.18,1.5]

1913 The heavy and almost continuous rains are having a serious effect in Soham. The whole countryside is saturated and ditches full to overflowing. At Greenhills water is level with the cottagers' gardens and paths and roads are impassable. the outlook is extremely serious. A hundred acres are flooded due to the unsafe condition of the river bank which is in a state of collapse. Farmers fear grain will rot in the ground, some having been covered with water since before Christmas. The roads are in shocking condition, the heavy farm traffic having cut them up to such an extent it is impossible to cycle over them 13 01 24 p11 CIP

1914 serious floods - worse since 1879 [2.24]

1914 Storm and Floods, responsible for considerable damage to telegraph and telephone wires

Lopping tree, Maids Causeway, 1962 *153.86*

headlines

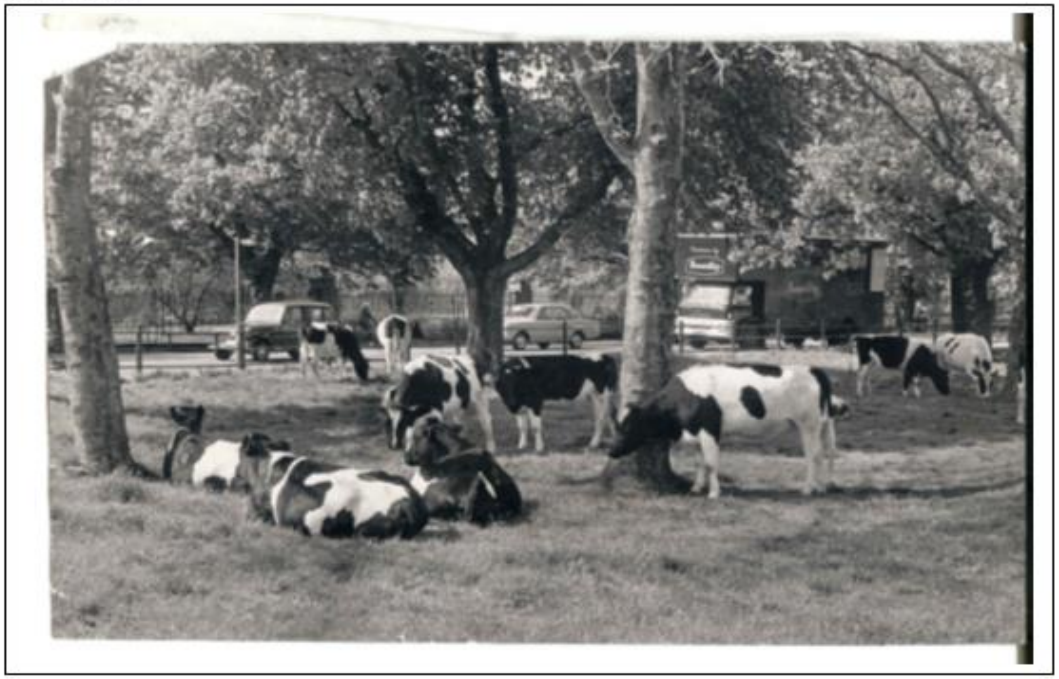
1892 trees planted along Victoria Avenue [1.9]

1894 Victoria Avenue trees removed as need room for Royal Agricultural Show & put in nursery plot on Chesterton side of river, replanted when over [1.9]

1897 Chesterton Road limes planted to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee [1.10]

1906 years ago Cambridge was noted as a centre growing the finest tulips, craze died down but now reviving [3.5]

c.19 animals, birds



Midsummer Common 1967	155.76

headlines

1897 A babel of sound greets you as you enter; some four hundred members of the canine tribe lift their voices in chorus. From end to end the Corn Exchange is filled with benches tenanted by dogs of every breed, size and colour - a sight to gladden the hearts of the Cambridge Canine Society committee at its first show which, if excelled in future years, will require a larger hall c1897 10 29

1898 When Judge Hawkins came to Cambridge on one occasion he essayed to bring his dog with him into Trinity College. But the head porter refused to allow it to be brought within the precincts and persisted even after it had been made known to him that it was the dog of one of her Majesty's judges. The judge was angry at the time, but sent for the head porter and told him that he was right, making him a present in recognition of his trustworthiness c1898 12 21

1901 "Knackeries", are places where diseased and other horses and cows are slaughtered. The common instrument used is the "pole-axe" which requires a large amount of practice to despatch an animal properly. Others resort to the gun, shot cartridges being preferable to bullets. The flesh is cut off the bones, boiled and sent to London for cats' meat, the fat is boiled down and sold for greasing carts and the bones ground into manure. Through all this work of killing, bleeding etc

c.21.1 : Health

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c.21.1 - public health

Ambulance crew report to base, 1970

(see also c. 21.15 – refuse, c. 21.2 cemeteries, c. 29.8 sewage)

headlines

1888 fire in disinfecting building Rifle Butts Row [2.6]

1889 Juby's Court, King Street described as 'insanitary' [2.7]

1889 fatal case of typhoid at Cheddar's Lane due to refuse polluting we
Street & Coldham's Lane, 44 affected [2.8,1.17]

1890 "Sequah", famous Quack Doctor arrives, crowd take horses from
King St, women give him clock; he 'frees people from pain' [5.5]

1893 sewers started in Coldham's Lanes & Victoria Road [1.1] – *for ot*
c. 29.8

c.21.15 – refuse and road sweeping

Len Hutt, street sweeper, September 1966 *158.24*

1897 Will you allow me a small space to refer to the arrangements for sweeping and cleaning Fitzroy Street. After one gets one's place thoroughly cleaned and dusted, ready for business, we have three men commence sweeping the street and it is impossible sometimes to see across the road for dust. After this is done and the cart takes the rubbish away the water cart makes its appearance about two hours later. Considering that Fitzroy-street is one of the busiest streets of Cambridge I think these things could be altered to the benefit of the tradespeople of the street - letter from "Shopkeeper c1897 05 08

1901 Miss W—of Regent Street, Cambridge was summoned for causing an obstruction by leaving some refuse tins in the street. P.C. Cole said he saw the tins outside her premises at 10.11

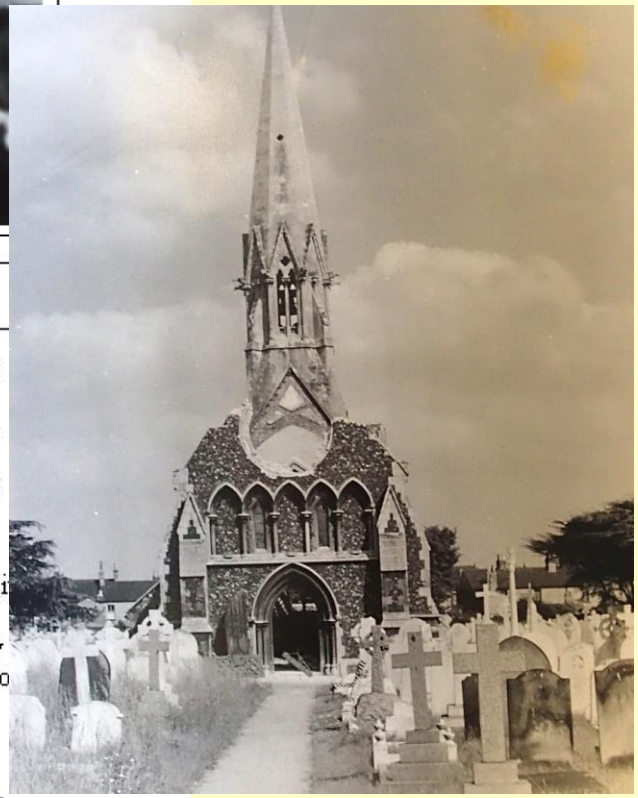
c.21.2 – funerals, cemeteries etc

Funeral in Mill Road for ferry victims, 1905 *170.63*

1898 Mr Dixon said that Mill Road cemetery was always locked up on Sundays, because, if not, swarms of little children rampaged about over the graves; and while he was conducting a funeral it was very annoying to have some little urchins come up and say, "Oh, my! Ain't that a little coffin!". The children jumped about over the graves, while labourers going to work made the cemetery a thoroughfare. The matter was giving the committee a great deal of trouble. 1898 04 13

1898 Sir - for many years I have constantly visited the Mill road cemetery, Cambridge, and feel quite certain that if the present cemetery were made into a general and open place of burial i would last for many years. When the time arrives to provide a new cemetery, why not use that which is situated on the Huntingdon Road, which has a field adjoining sufficient to make a very large cemetery. I know that the Castle End hill is an obstacle, but an extra horse could be used to assist in drawing the hearse over this spot. This would be far preferable to going through Barnwell – R.R 1898 10 19

1899 The custodian of the Mill Road cemetery, Cambridge, Thomas Stanbridge, said he saw



c.21.3 : nursing

Red Cross nurses being presented with cups

1908 The Cambridge District Nurses moved into their new home standing in its own grounds on Newmarket Road. Designed by W.M.Fawcett and built by Coulson and Lofts, it has a smart exterior appearance. Facing the road is the entrance to the surgery with the dining room, and kitchen with sitting rooms for the Superintendent and nurses on the first floor together with four bedrooms and another three on the second floor. The building is lighted by incandescent gas and fitted with electric bells CWN 08 11 06 p5

1930 The New Cherryhinton Nursing Association was wound up; the nurse's time has been by no means fully occupied and much has been of an unskilled nature. Now Nurse Hodges has left. 2,204 visits had been made during the year but many people prefer to employ a private nurse

c.21.4 : Hospitals

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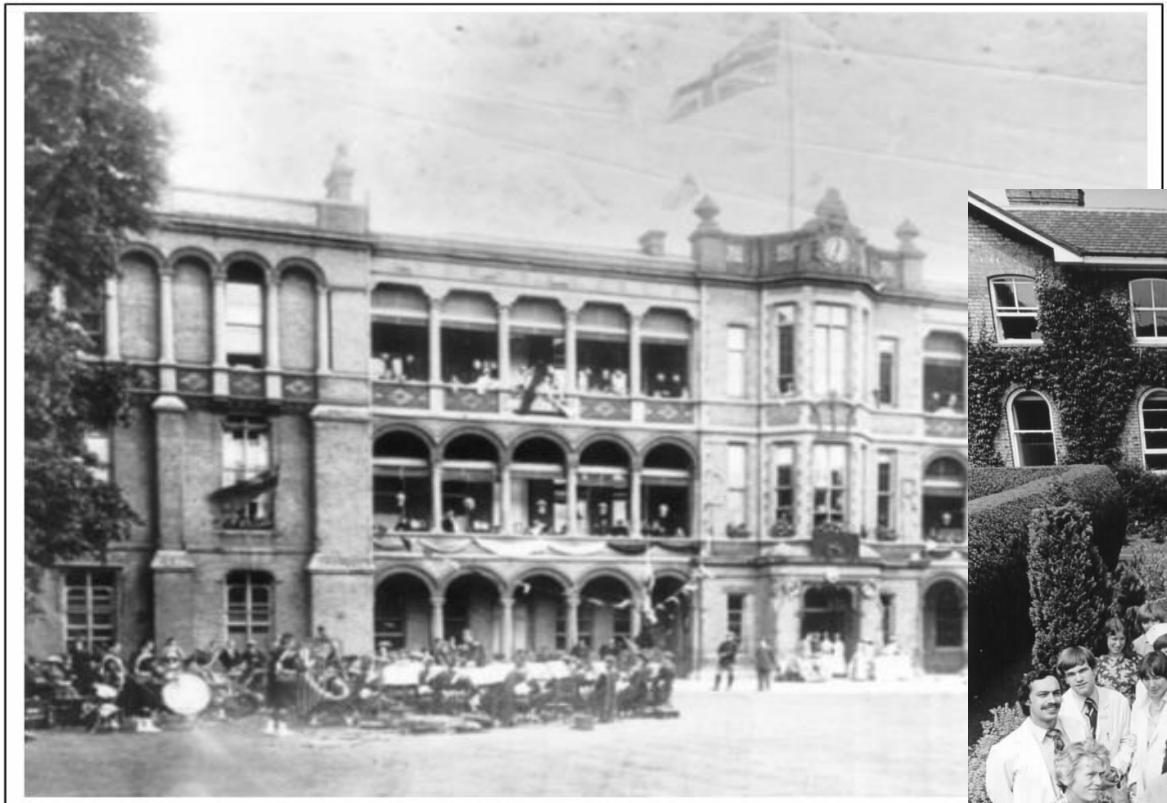

Addenbrooke's Hospital 1911

headlines

1888 death of Alice Fisher, former matron, who left for America 6 years ago

1889 by now a large & important medical school with lectures given by people hospital staff 1895

1889 new outpatients & nurses buildings

c.21.5

Fulbourn Hospital, c1900	*54.70*

c.21.5 : mental health matters

Cambridgeshire Mental Welfare association founded 1908 as sub-cmte of Charity Organisation Society, affiliated National Association of Mental Health; at time about 30 backward children attending elementary schools might be helped by special teaching & only 3% people discharged mental homes became self-supporting 3 years later special class was begun by Education cmte which grown into Lady Adrian school 1914 a small home for high grade feeble minded boys of school age Littleton House was transferred from Uxbridge to Girton after 1913 Mental Deficiency Bill County council set up statutory committee for care of mentally defective Cmte amalgamated with new Cambs Voluntary Association for care of mentally defective formed under auspices county council; 1921 medical superintendent Cams Mental hospital asked for reports on home conditions patients about to be discharged; this undertaken & name changed to Cambs voluntary association for mental welfare 1929 scheme for occupation & training centre opened 1958 Winston House half-way home opened 1961 sheltered workshop now lease home for women discharged mental home or hospital [14]

headlines

1908 Cambridgeshire Mental Welfare Association founded 1908 as sub-cmte of Cambridge

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c.22 : agriculture

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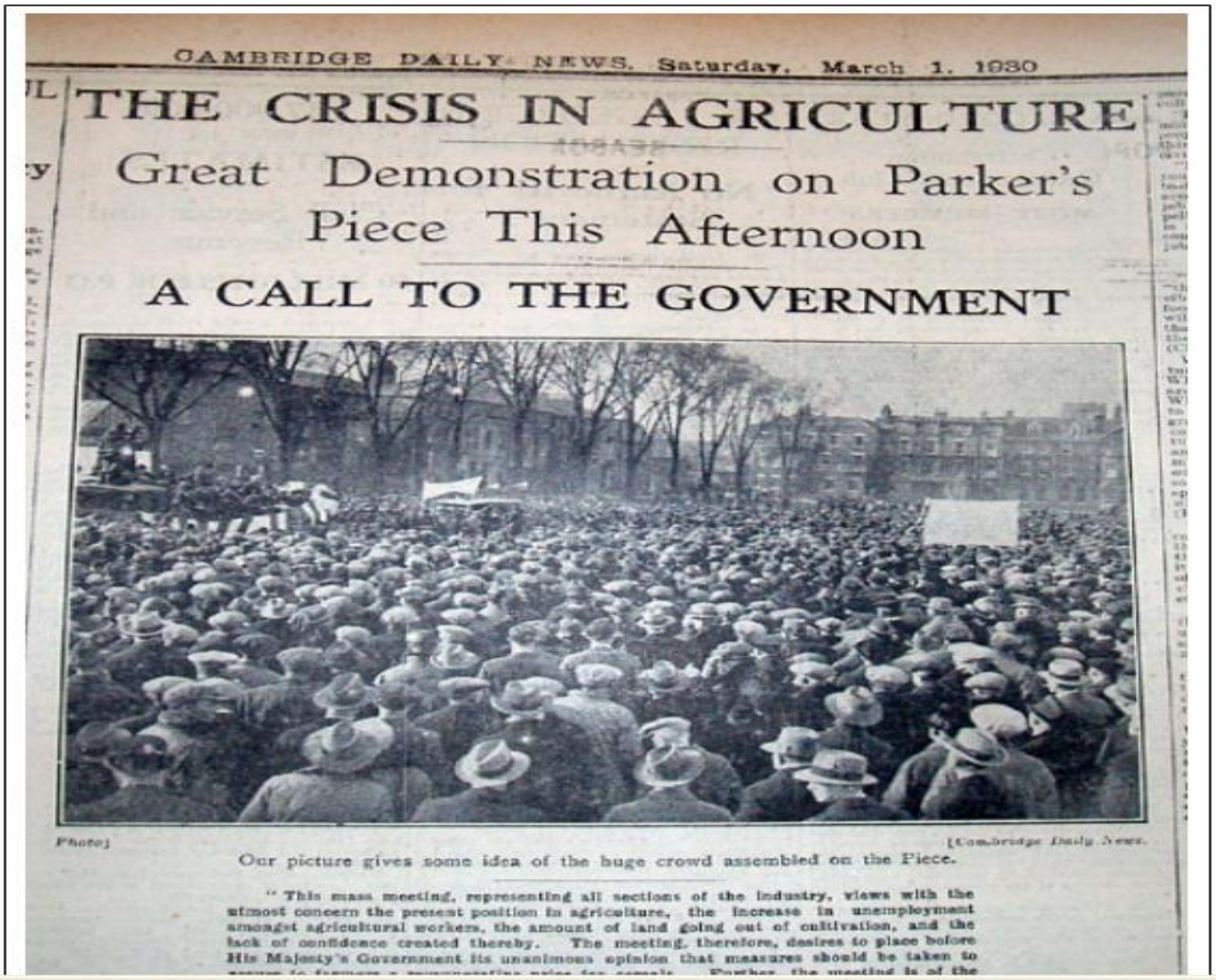

CAMBRIDGE DAILY NEWS. Saturday, March 1, 1930

THE CRISIS IN AGRICULTURE

Great Demonstration on Parker's Piece This Afternoon

A CALL TO THE GOVERNMENT

Photo] [Cambridge Daily News.

Our picture gives some idea of the huge crowd assembled on the Piece.

"This mass meeting, representing all sections of the industry, views with the utmost concern the present position in agriculture, the increase in unemployment amongst agricultural workers, the amount of land going out of cultivation, and the lack of confidence created thereby. The meeting, therefore, desires to place before His Majesty's Government its unanimous opinion that measures should be taken to

c.23 : Housing

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c.23 : building, housing, council houses, slum clearance

Kendal Way *88.03*

headlines

Rattee & Kett history – feature – 88 04 28a
Cambridge Brickworks on Newmarket Road – memories of Hilda Swann – 89 03 16c

1880s Alpha rd started [446..8.4]

1888 Huntingdon Road estate - 21 acres of building land newly sold [3.15]

c.24.2 : water supply

Pump, Peas Hill 1907	*170.69*

Headlines

1888 scheme to obtain further supplies from a spring at Fulbourn, foundation stone laid in October [1.24]

1891 new supply from Fulbourn starts

1897 new pumps installed to supply combined total of 2.5 million gallons a day

1899 Borough council seeks to promote a Bill to allow municipalization of tramways, lavatories, crematoria & water supply but this is rejected by ratepayers in December [1.10]

1902 Cambridge Water Company sued Messrs Kerridge and Shaw for water supplied for a building in course of construction in Rose Crescent, Cambridge. The supply recorded by a water

Gas Exhibition and lectures ticket *57.08*

headlines
Thomas Hawksley built gas works in Cambridge – feature – 82 09 28a

1896 serious gas explosion, Park Street [1.3]

1897 carbonising & purification plants enlarged at cost of £10,000

1898 pre-payment meter introduced, consumers provided with a cooker on loan & 30 feet of service pipe free of charge. Heating stove also available for hire
1898 Thrifty wives, hopeful maidens, and even thoughtless bachelors assembled in large numbers when an exhibition under the auspices of the Cambridge University and Town Gas Light Company was opened. Some disappointment was occasioned by the announcement that Miss Richmond would not be able to give her lecture owing to the fact that her cooking utensils had

c.24.6 : electricity

Electricity generating station, Thompson's Lane 1963 *91.10*

source P = Nigel Pennick 'Trams in Cambridge'. Electric Traction, 1983

headlines

1889 Cambridge Improvement Commissioners consider four schemes for the provision of electricity, Council favour municipal electric generating scheme [P.14]

1890 obtain Cambridge Electric Order

1891 Bailey Grundy & Barrett produced first lighting 1891, sold goodwill to Cambridge Electric Supply Co 1896; supplied private electrical generating plant to colleges & country

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c.24.8 : street lighting

New lights switched on, 1955 *110.04*

headlines

1894 Parkers Piece lamp standard erected, cost £39 [1.1]

1907 A new development of gas lighting in St Andrew's Street renders the exterior of the New Theatre almost as light as day. By the use of an automatic compressor the power of ordinary incandescent light is increased fourfold but cost of the gas consumed is halved. There are two other installations in Cambridge, one in the locomotive department at the railway station and the other at Messrs Crossman's knitting factory in Norfolk Street. 07 01 09

Heffers bookshop, Petty Cury, 1962 *152.47*

c.25 : printing, books, bookshops

1896 Gustave David sets up book stall on Market Hill (by 1912 he is described as 'an institution') [1.171]
1896 Heffers bookshop Petty Cury opens [2.6]

1899 'Bowes & Bowes' name established [2.2]

1902 A new branch of trade has been opened by the buttery of Christ's college, Cambridge in the direction of a stationery store. The CDN has been favoured with samples, but the party had omitted to enclose his name or even say when he intends to "call for orders". This omission is either intentional or points to a certain amateurism pardonable in a new venture. The samples are small post quarto Club writing paper priced at 1s.6d. per 5 quire packet; envelopes 1s.3d per 100 and writing paper with the college arms embossed in blue at 2s. Can any Cambridge stationer improve on these quotations? c02.02.05

c.26 : Transport

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Spitfires at Marshall's, 1938 *169.40*

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Arthur Deck was one of the best-known inhabitants of Cambridge. Hundreds annually gathered on King's Parade to witness his quaint tradition of firing rockets at midnight every New Years Eve. As a young man he made balloon ascents including one from Fenner's when the balloon tore a slice off the pavilion roof. CWN 08 09 04 p5

F. P. Frost ornithopter recalled – 61.05.05b

Chesterton school pupils with locomotive 1956 *110.45*

Railway Traveller's Guide history 60 03 22

1845 After several abortive starts a railway finally arrives at Cambridge in 1845, the station having been sited far from the centre of the town because of University objections to the line coming within a mile of their buildings. An additional clause prohibited trains from stopping within three miles of Cambridge on Sundays. Although this restriction was not repealed until 1908 it had long ceased to be observed.

1849 A reader has sent a picture of a locomotive engine built by Headley Bros of the Eagle Foundry, Cambridge in 1849. It was a small single-tank affair with two big driving wheels, painted bright green and named the 'Eagle'. At first there was no tender, only a small place for the driver, though later it was extended to carry a saloon. It was intended for the use of the

c.26.3 : boats etc

Banham's boatyard, 1969 *55.17*

source : J. Wilson Fenland barge traffic. 1972 [W]

Dant, Cutter ferry history and account of barge traffic – 62 08 03b & c

headlines

Sir – I remember Ditton Docks some 70 years ago. It was then a small landing stage, long disused and out of repair. There was also a more pretentious one further down the river – Horningsea Pier we used to call it. - and I was told that in pre-railway days this had been extensively used. My father would speak of the times, before the present locks were installed, when strings of barges were kept waiting sometimes for several weeks for the river to rise sufficiently for them to come up. They carried coal and corn to Mill Lane or timber and sand to Walnut Tree Lane (now Avenue). Dant of Dant's Ferry had a fleet of barges at that time – A. Cox 37 02 13

1890s Dants owned Cutter, first steam tug to work on Cam; in 1890s the barge business. then in decline was auctioned [W.16]

1898 Fred Richardson, foreman of the second gangs of lighters belonging to Messrs Brown and

The last day of the trams, 1914 *149.81*

c.26.44 : trams

1888 Tramways Company announce record profits [Sw.14]
1888 talk of steam tramway from Cambridge to Histon [P.10]

1890 Tramways Company dispute with Council over area of road they are to maintain [Sw.15]

1892 Tramways agree annual rental of £325 for 25 years for repair of road, confirmed in Cambridge Street Tramways Act [Sw.15]

1894 Tramways profits boosted by Royal Show held in Cambridge [Sw.15]

1895 Tramways propose viaduct road from Trumpington Road across meadows to Newnham [Sw.16]

1896 the Cambridge Omnibus Company introduce horse-buses on routes between Railway station, Chesterton Rd. & Huntingdon Road; the Cambridge Street Tramway Company also start

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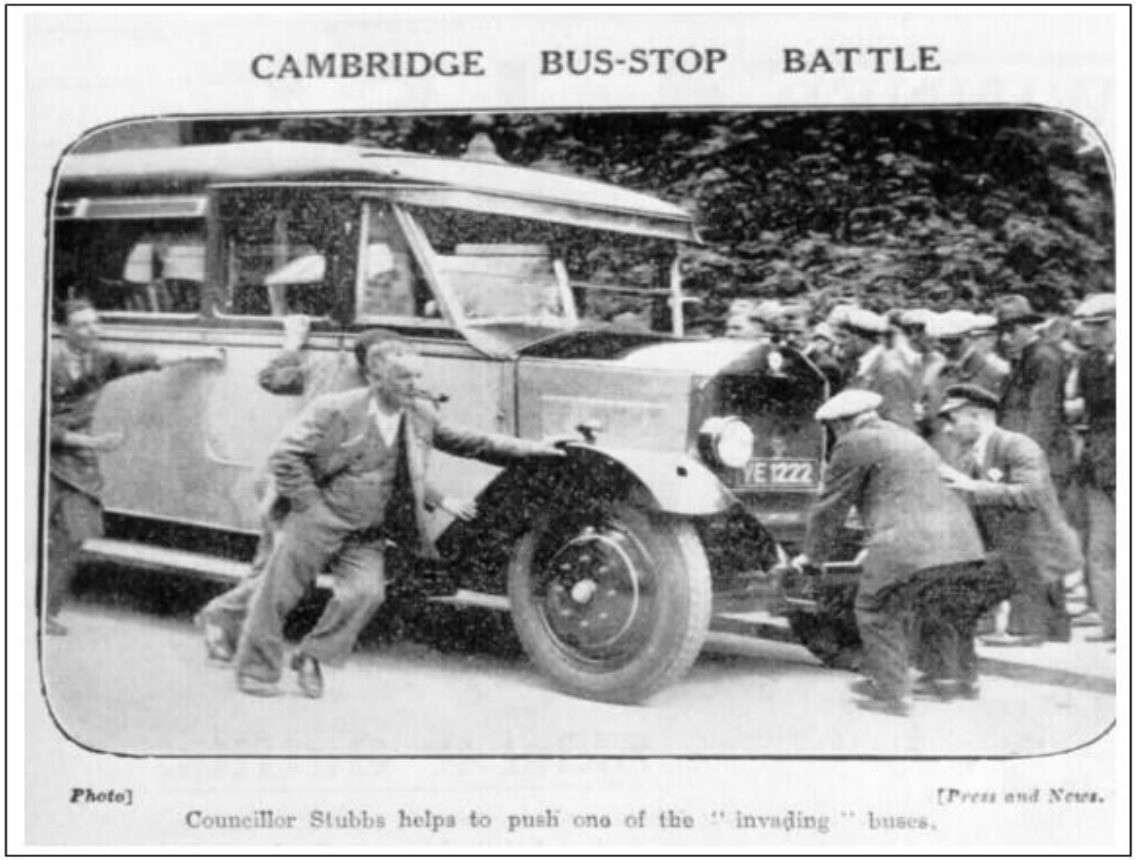

Opposition to parking of buses in Drummer Street *64.05*

c.26.46 : public transport - buses,
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background
In August 1851 the first horse buses appeared, double deckers drawn by four horses which ran

c.26.47 : taxis & hansom cabs

1888 cabmens defence fund set up to pay fines incurred when summonsed for 'loitering about streets' - claim insufficient space on cab ranks [26.4.1.4]

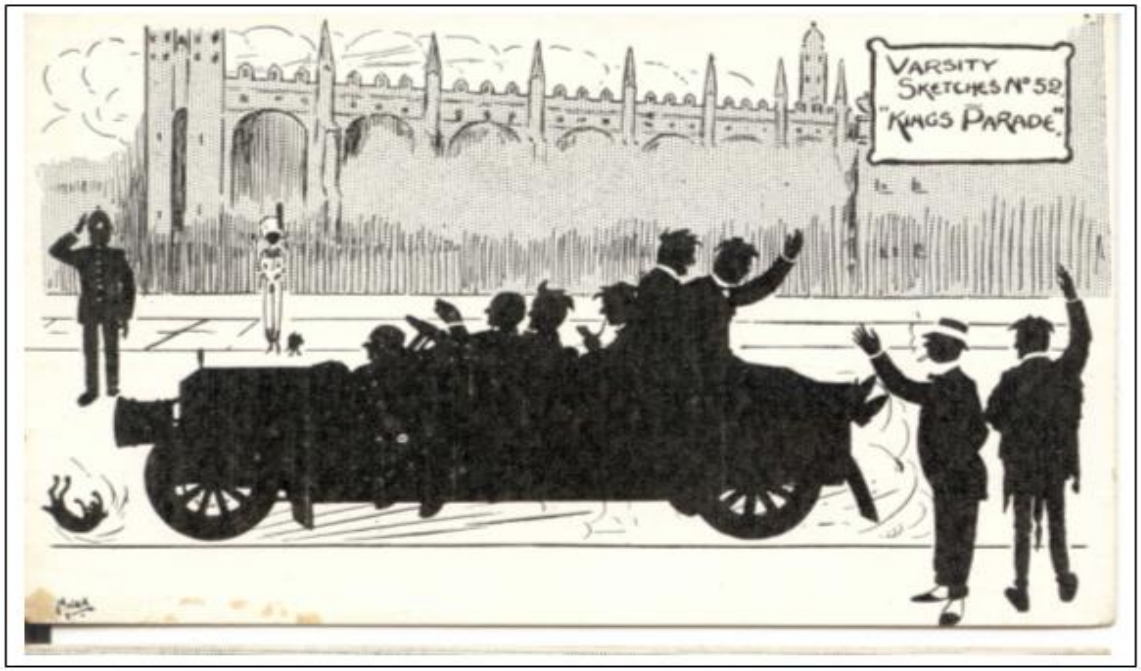
1898 Cambridge town council was requested to consider permitting a cabmen's shelter to be placed on the Market Hill. Mr Darwin said that he received a petition asking for the provision of some place for them to warm themselves during the cold months in some central position in the town. At present there was only one cabmen's shelter in the town and that was very widely used. If they provided another the public would gain some advantage because the cabmen, instead of going to the public houses, as they now did, would go to the shelter. The only possible harm it would do was that perhaps it would make the neighbouring public houses sell less beer c1898 05 22

1903 cabmen find good business transporting people who want to see murderer conveyed from Cambridge gaol to the railway station en route to trial at Saffron Walden [26.4.1.3]

1904 A Cambridge cab proprietor was summonsed for not keeping his cab in a proper condition. A policeman said he found the near side window completely smashed, and the front seat saturated with water. He moved the cushion and found it was mouldy underneath so that it must have been in that condition for some time. The
when it was washed water ran on to the cushions. D
for the cleanliness of the cab but magistrates said he
fined him five shillings .c04 02 24

1904 An additional cabman's shelter was opened
in a room formerly used as a temporary police office
a man will warm food brought by the cabmen and w
It is comfortably furnished, a few pictures as well as
cabmen will welcome the shelter where they can dry

1906 One evening the boots at the Castle Hotel, Cambridge, beckoned a cab from the nearby



Undergraduate motors cartoon c1905 *120.34*

c.26.48 : cars
see also c 26.481 - parking
Headlines

Arthur Cooke, senior Surgeon at Addenbrooke's Hospital, owned one of the first steam cars in Cambridge. He was founder of the University Automobile Club which wound up about 1926 when the funds went to form the Ricardo Prize for Thermo-dynamics at the Engineering School. 33 03 14 & a

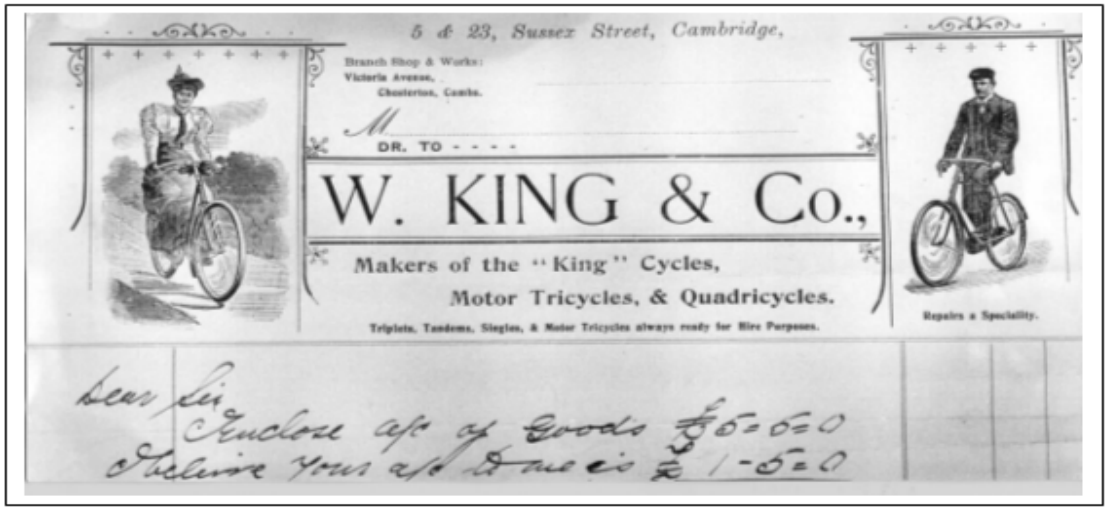
Cambridge worthies' motor trip to Brighton – 59 01 03
A Bleirot car driven to Brighton to mark renovation of Arundel castle – 59 01 10
History of car in Cambridge – Reeve – 60 08 02a

The first Model T Ford to arrive in Cambridge was owned by a Dr Graham who lived at Parkside and was driven by his chauffeur, Bert Jackson. For many years the car, CE 1464, was a familiar

c.26.481 : car parking *[rev 21 Aug 2014]*

Problems of parking 1950's *91.38*

Headlines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Motor Tricycles, & Quadricycles.
Triplets, Tandems, Singles, & Motor Tricycles always ready for Hire Purposes.
Repairs a Speciality.
Dear Sir
Enclose a/c of Goods £6-6-0
Please Your a/c Due is £1-5-0

Bill from W. King, 1897 *175.80*

c.26.485 : bicycles

headlines

Cambridge Liberal cycling club history – 33 01 14a & b
King motorcycle history 60 03 28
The appeal for pioneer women cyclists heard from Dorothea Conybeare. Her father, Rev Edward Conybeare of Barrington, had bought her sister a bike on 28 July 1893. By 1894 women's bicycles still rather unusual and fellow Perseans were much impressed when they'd cycled in from Barrington to be present at an examination for which the train would have been too late. She does not remember seeing any Cambridge women or girls bicycling before 1893 but saw two during a visit to Leicestershire in 1892 and was agreeably surprised by their grace and dignity 37 07 31a

1847 "in 1847 Cambridge had giant tricycle with 12 foot wheelbase" [6.24]

1863 first bike made & ridden in Cambridge ("73 years ago from 1934) TT 17.11.34 [2.8]

1868 Robert Taylor of Soham made bike, biked to London 1870 & his was first bike seen there[2.10]
1868 one of first bicycles seen in Long Road [9.10]

Motor cycle and sidecar in Herbert Robinson garage during reliability trial, 1930s *105.10*

c.26.4855 – motor cycles

King motorcycle history 60 03 28

1903 The Cambridge Corn Exchange exhibition of cycles and motors has become an annual event. Motors and motor cycles are as yet in their infancy and each year sees great strides taken towards perfection. There are on view some fine, up-to-date specimens of motor cars. The Mayor said he was a cyclist of some years' standing but his experiences of motor cars was very limited. He had been for a ride on a motor car, and thoroughly enjoyed it. Manufacturers were handicapped by stringent laws as to the pace motors might travel over public roads. While so many horses were about it was startling for them to find a vehicle coming at 20 miles and hour and making rather a peculiar noise. c03 02 25

1903 Motor cycle reliability trials are taking place at the Crystal Palace. One Cambridge competitor, Mr W. King, of Messrs King and Co, Bridge Street, has been holding his own on a 'King' machine manufactured by the firm. The machine is 2 ¾ hp, which took a gold medal for

c.27 : Trades and Industry

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Bolton's removal vans outside warehouse, c1900 *49.04*

c.27 : trade
see also industry – c. 27.1, shops c. 27.2

College barbers history feature 60 04 11a
Iron foundries on Quayside side – history 85 10 18 # c.27

headlines
1889 ice-cream vendor knocked out by falling branch [2.5]

1892 University Typewriting office established [10.8]

1900 The extensive Portland Cement Works which are being erected in the neighbourhood of Coldham's Lane and Mill Road are now assuming enormous dimensions; in fact the buildings already completed are ample evidence that one of the largest and most modern cement works in

East Anglian Cement workers, 1930s

c.27.1 : industry

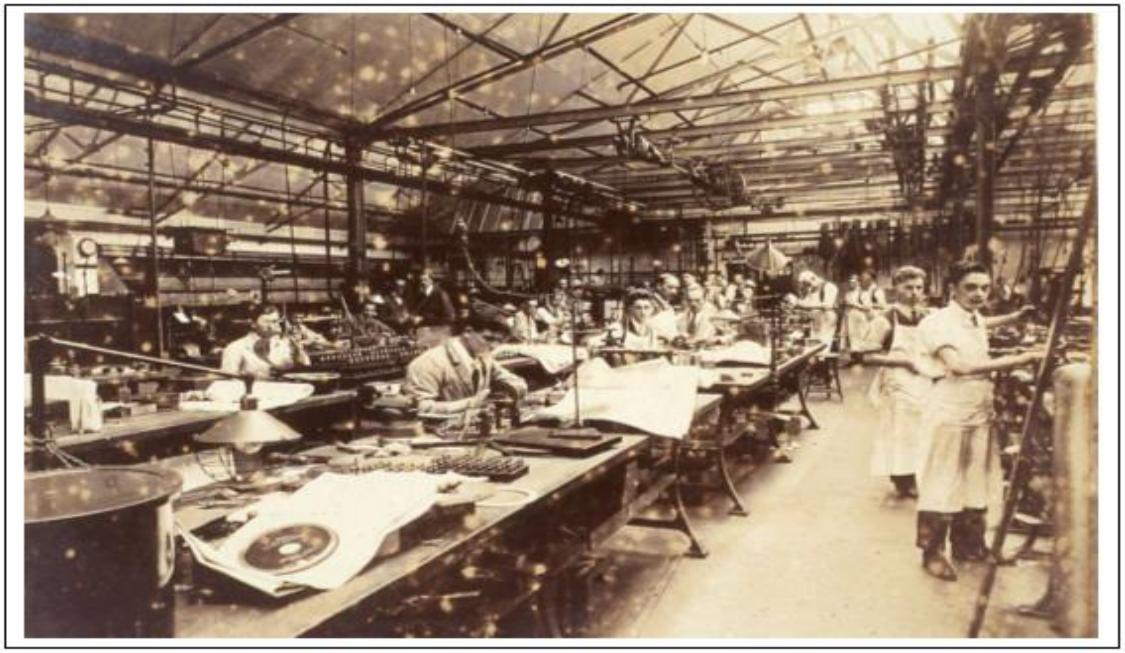
headlines

1891 hosiery manufacturer makes 20 dozen pairs of hose per v

1895 Cambridge Instrument Company formally registered, (est

1896 W.G.Pye started & after 1918 specialised in wireless, Pye was largest manufacturer of tv sets in Britain [1.14]

1903 The recent completion of the Atlas Stone Company works the industrial importance of the Romsey Town and Cherry Hinton complete plant for the manufacture of artificial paving slabs on th been installed with a hydraulic press capable of 500 slabs per day



Cambridge Instrument Company works, 1920s *168.08*

c.27.1 : Cambridge Instrument Company

1881 Cambridge Scientific Instrument Company founded by Horace Darwin, makes equipment University, develops electrocardiograph;

1895 Cambridge Instrument Company formally registered, (established1881) [1.13]

1907 When Dew Smith and Horace Darwin commenced the manufacture of certain scientific instruments for physiological work at the University Laboratory it was more as a hobby and not financially profitable. But it grew and in 1895 was turned into a limited liability company which is now flourishing at its pleasantly situated works off Chesterton Road. Among its important products is a kite used in meteorological observations and a machine for standardising small screws which has been supplied to the Japanese government.
07 01 18

1914 Cambridge Scientific Instrument Company welcomed visitors to their workshops, test room, drawing office and stores. They were also shown the manufacture and operation of the various instruments made. Many are of great commercial value. The extension is the fourth

Marshall's hangars, 1960s *158.16*

c.27.1 : **Marshall's –**

headlines

1909 D.G.Marshall set up Brunswick Gardens 1909 [12.1]

1912 moved King St & Jesus Lane 1912

1929 Cambridge air pageant for opening Marshall's - CDN 10.6.29
1929 F.A. Ridgeon, the Cambridge Town Football Club's inside left, travelled by aeroplane to Sussex for the F.A. Amateur Cup tie with Southwick. There was some doubt whether he could make the match owning to duties in Stamford preventing him from travelling by train. Hearing of his difficulty Mr D.G. Marshall of Aviation Hall generously placed his Moth aeroplane at his disposal. His son, Arthur Marshall, would have piloted the machine but he had gone on an air trip to Austria so a de Havilland pilot was engaged for the journey. This is, we believe, the first time

Pye employees leaving Radio works 1930s *147.57*

c.27.1 : **Pye**
headlines

Pye in 1896 William George Pte left Cavendish Laboratory & began to design scientific instruments for university students; WWI expanded, made gun sights; Pye radio formed 1929, experimented with tv & in early 1930 able to receive a 30-line picture, by 1936 405-line sets in production; with WWII turned to radar; Pye telecom devised first infantry walkie-talkie & large numbers made 1947 mobile television transmission station, printed circuits incorporated 1956. 1961 first convertible 405/625 sets 1947 installed 2-way radios in fleet of Cambridge taxis; electronic stethoscope now upwards of 100 individual companies of Pye group majority in

W.H. Smith's computer shop with display of Sinclair computers, December 1983 *143.51*

c.27.1 : Sinclair

1962 founded; "started by miniature radio sets,
1966 Sinclair launches smallest tv [4.8]

1967 bright future for 26 year old; Sinclair Radionics established HQ Cambridge a year ago; announce miniature tv & digital watch [21]

1971 move St Ives, mainly known for hi-fi equipment
1971 turnover £100M but profits down set up new computer bureau - Cambridge data

Marks and Spencer bra counter, July 1966 *154.89*

c.27.2 : shopping

headline

Mill Rd 'often compared to Portobello Rd; wide range of speciality & local shops … in 1890s could buy anything from pianos to tombstones [446.14.4] [446.14.4]

1882 Rock Kings started Staffordshire St; 1st shop Newmarket Rd c1882 [446.15.3]

1879 Priziborsky's to be demolished 1961; founded 1879 by Count Priziborsky after he left as harber Imperial Austrian Court; patronised by undergraduates; family connection elapsed 1934

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Bank Holiday auction, Cattle Market, 1960s *97.97*

c.27.3 : markets

headlines
1885 new Cattle Market opened [NI.1.6]
1885 Cambridge Cattle Market opened 100 years ago. Before 1885 it was held at Castle End but the stalls were inadequate for the number of beasts. Then Jesus College provided land near the railway station. Cattle docks from all four railways were within two minutes' walk and there were direct railway links to Scotland and Ireland. There are still weekly sales of stock, with horse sales every five weeks, but the area nearby that was used for grazing is now the Clifton Industrial Estate. It is filled with large corrugated boxes housing a wide variety of light industry and a 'Park and Ride' site 85 09 27

Proclamation of Midsummer Fair, 1956 *123.63*

c.27.31 fairs

headlines

"Midsummer probably best known fair in world ... Henry Thurston born 1847 son of Cambridge brickmaker worked in brickyard & 1868 acquired children's street roundabout ... 1887 purchased four-abreast set of gallopers ...painted on the rounding boards scenes from Oxford & Cambridge Boat Race (other details) [6]
Did you know that coconut shies had their origin at the Cambridge Fair? A Showman's Guild official says: "These old fairground games are a traditional part of England. They have been in existence for centuries. At the old Cambridge fair they used to shy at live cockerels; then an Act was passed forbidding it because of the cruelty. So the showmen substituted lead dummies and

c.27.4 : Pubs

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Eagle Inn courtyard, 1964

c.27.4 : pubs

headlines

see R.G. Wilson. Greene King: a business ... history. 1973 – S10 for national pub closures etc

Brazen George Inn was in St Andrew's Street, Alexandra Street was its yard –

1888 Wrestlers Inn, Petty Cury demolished [2.13]

1889 c Sir – my father, J.R. Bennett, a master builder, constructed a chimney Brewery at Newmarket Road, Cambridge. Boy-like I used to play round the si about 1889, when the work was almost complete, he made me climb the ladde scaffolding and stand on the extreme summit, saying 'You will be the only on

Gwydir Arms

Albion Brewery, Coronation Street, 1964 *149.68*

c.27.41: breweries (subheading started 16 Jul 2009)

see R.G. Wilson. Greene King: a business ... history. 1973 – S10

Bailey & Tebbutt history – 87 09 03a

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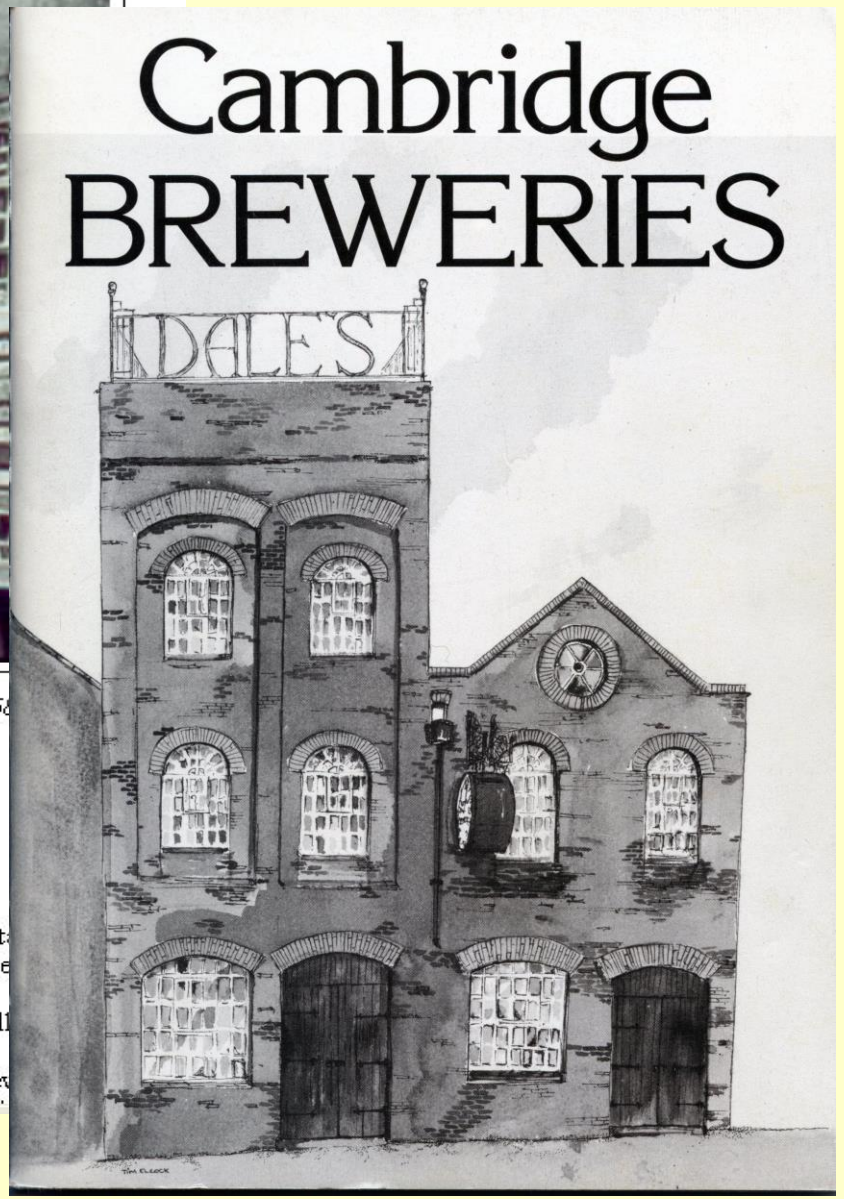
about 1889, when the work was almost complete, he made me climb the ladders up the
scaffolding and stand on the extreme summit, saying 'You will be the only one who will
stand there' – G.A. Bennett, Wisbech. 56 08 20
1889 Frederick Bailey sells Star brewery to Charles Armstrong, late of Scarsdale brew



Garden House Hotel fire 1972 *128.72*

c.27.45 : hotels
(subheading started July 2009)

headlines Lion Hotel : last of Moyes to own Lion - Mrs Bailey - retires. First came into Moyes family when taken some 80 years ago (?1856) by John Andrew Moyes & son, Andrew Helenus who also at that time owned Bull. The son died in1894 & the hotel taken over by daughter-in-law Mrs A.A. Moyes during whose regime the glass roof was put over the court. Omnibuses once used to drive over what is now the floor of the court, in fact it was used by traffic up to 1907. Mrs Moyes who died 1922 left hotel to her two daughters ..-. [15]

1891 University Arms hotel opens [8.4]

1901 The Star Brewery renewed its application for a proposed new hotel on the Hills Road, adjacent to Cambridge Cattle Market. There were farmers, dealers in cattle coming from Norwich and Essex who regularly attended the market, coming by train. It was desirable that they should

Expresso coffee machine, Dorothy café, 1955 *110.49*

c.27.47 : cafes & restaurants
(heading introduced July 2009, previously c. 27.4)

1899 Albert Hart applied for a licence for 'The Sirdar', Market St, Cambridge. The place had been largely patronised but he laboured under a disadvantage of not being able to provide his customers with spirits or beers. The fashion of drinking wine in the middle of the day had been discountenanced for many years past by doctors and everybody that went to a place for lunch required spirits or soda water. He had to send out for such drinks to some public house in the vicinity. The money had to be extracted from the customer who had to wait until his refreshments were brought to him through the street. That was not an advantage to the liquor itself, especially with the dust flying about and the intense heat of the sun c1899 08 24

1907 All over the country old Pittites offer sighs of relief at the comparatively small amount of damage caused to the Pitt Club, whose dining room was burnt out. The committee is to be

Netherhall School computers, 1981 *154.41*

c.27.5 computers etc – started 2nd May 2011

1947 A "brain" that will be capable of completing 1,000 questions a minute is in course of construction in the University Mathematical Laboratory. Work on the "brain" has been going on for about 12 months. It is carried out by a team of six who are lead by Dr H.V. Wilkes, director of the laboratory, and wartime radar research "expert". Officially the brain is known as "Esdac" (electronic delay storage automatic calculator). At present one "memory unit" has been completed. It consists of 16 metal tubes full of mercury weighing about 200 pounds. Another has yet to be assembled and when finally completed the "brain" will consist of these and eight racks containing between 1,000 and 1,500 valves. Questions will be fed in on a punched tape and the answers delivered by teleprinter c47 10 02

1949 Computer history in Cambridge; memories of Prof Maurice Wilkes who ran the first-ever programme 1949 – feature – 90 07 25a, b

Mayor inspects sorting office, 1950s *200*

c.27.7 : postal
headlines

Robert Knights memories of a mail coach driver before WWI between West Wratting
Cambridge 72 01 14a

1885 Petty Cury post office erected [1.22]
1885 protest over use of University stamps [1.16]

1996 Morning letters are being delivered much earlier than formerly. The gradual growth of

Mayor visits telephone exchange, 1950s *110.22*

c.27.75: telephone
(subheading introduced July 2009, previously c. 27.7)

headlines

Wireless telegraphy discovered in Cambridge – CWN 08 08

1878 "undergraduate had first phone in Cambridge" [1.6]

c.27.8 : broadcasting - radio & tv

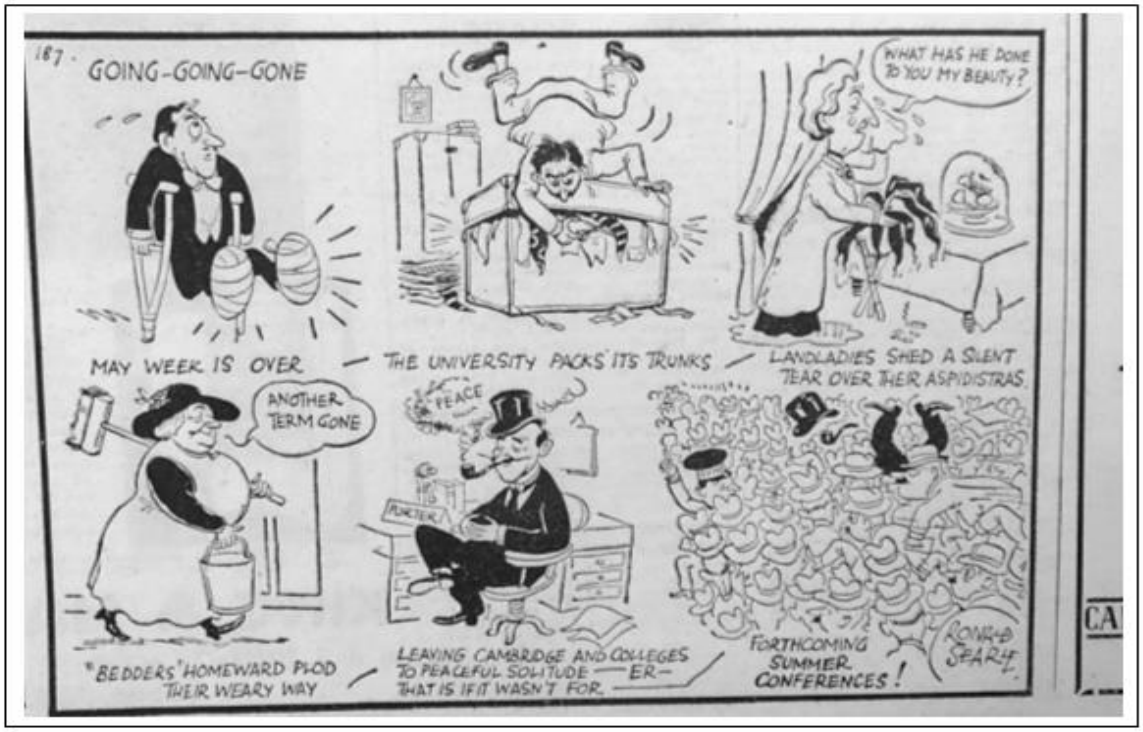
Televising boxing match, 1955 *201.14*

headlines

1896 Rutherford transmits first radio signal from Cavendish laboratory to Madingley road observatory [1.15]

1913 Cambridgeshire has been chosen for a series of experiments with the new patent wireless telegraphy apparatus invented by Senor Marconi, which can be fitted on four pack horses and erected in six minutes. The first experiment was made at Saffron Walden when the new 'Pack Station' consisting of a small petrol motor, transmitter and receiver and 30ft high aerial mast was erected on the common and wireless messages were received from Chelmsford. Next day it was erected at Somersham where experiments were continued. It will be moved across Cambridgeshire 13 02 28 p8 CIP

1921 Pye Ltd changed to radio 1921 when lapse in demand for instruments; 210 ft aerial mast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FORTHCOMING SUMMER CONFERENCES!
RONALD SEARLE

Ronald Searle cartoon, 1960s

c.27.9 : conferences

headlines

1894 Ancient Order of Foresters High Court meeting {NI.1.3]

1904 British Association for Advancement of Science conference, Cambridge Daily News runs out of copies as people write for issues containing reports of speeches, the Prime Minister attends, "it livens up the Long Vacation" the paper comments 1904 RevYr

1907 Esperanto congress police cartoon people identified ¢CDN 30.12.1950 p9
1907 Esperanto Congress held in Cambridge, Market Hill bedecked with flags, dwarfs all other events [1.6]
1907 Esperanto has seized Cambridge like a raging fever. Genuine and spurious Esperanto fills the air as the autolycus of the gutter shouts unintelligent jargon to a street comrade and calls it

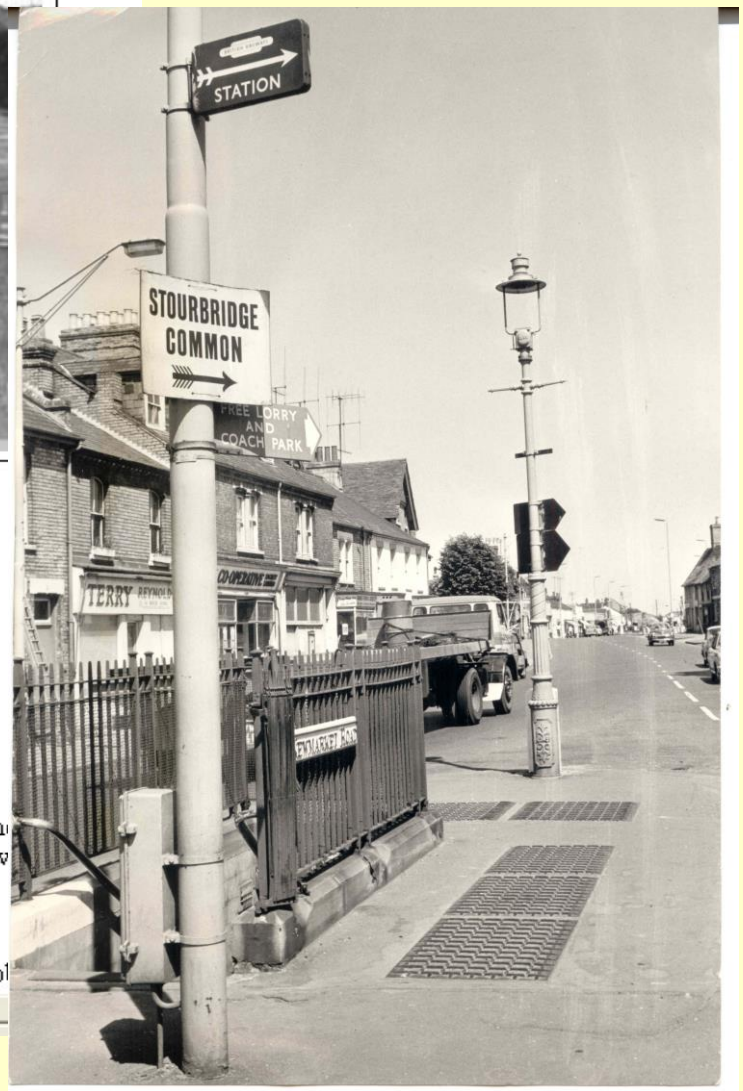
Cheddars Lane Sewage Pumpng Station, 1920s *68.23*

c.29.8 : sewage and lavatories and Cam pollution

1893 sewers started in Coldham's Lanes & Victoria Road [1.1]

1895 main sewage scheme in full flow involving deep sewers & new pumping station at Cheddar's Lane, streets choked by work, much grumbling [1.2,1.19]

1897 discover new sewage scheme inadequate & needs vertical shafts at great additional expense (ratepayers protest at costs and throw out proposals to rebuild Guildhall) [1.3]
1897 Sir, - On Wednesday morning my attention was called to the state of the River Cam n Baitsbite Sluice. The water was covered with an oily matter and the stench arising therefrom v beastly. The whole atmosphere was apparently impregnated with some vapour. The havoc amongst the fish was appalling. Thousands upon thousands - I might say tons - of pike, eels, roach and dace were dead and dying, struggling to liberate themselves from their putrid, poisonous liquid. I never witness such a lamentable sight before - Thomas Banyard 27th Octo



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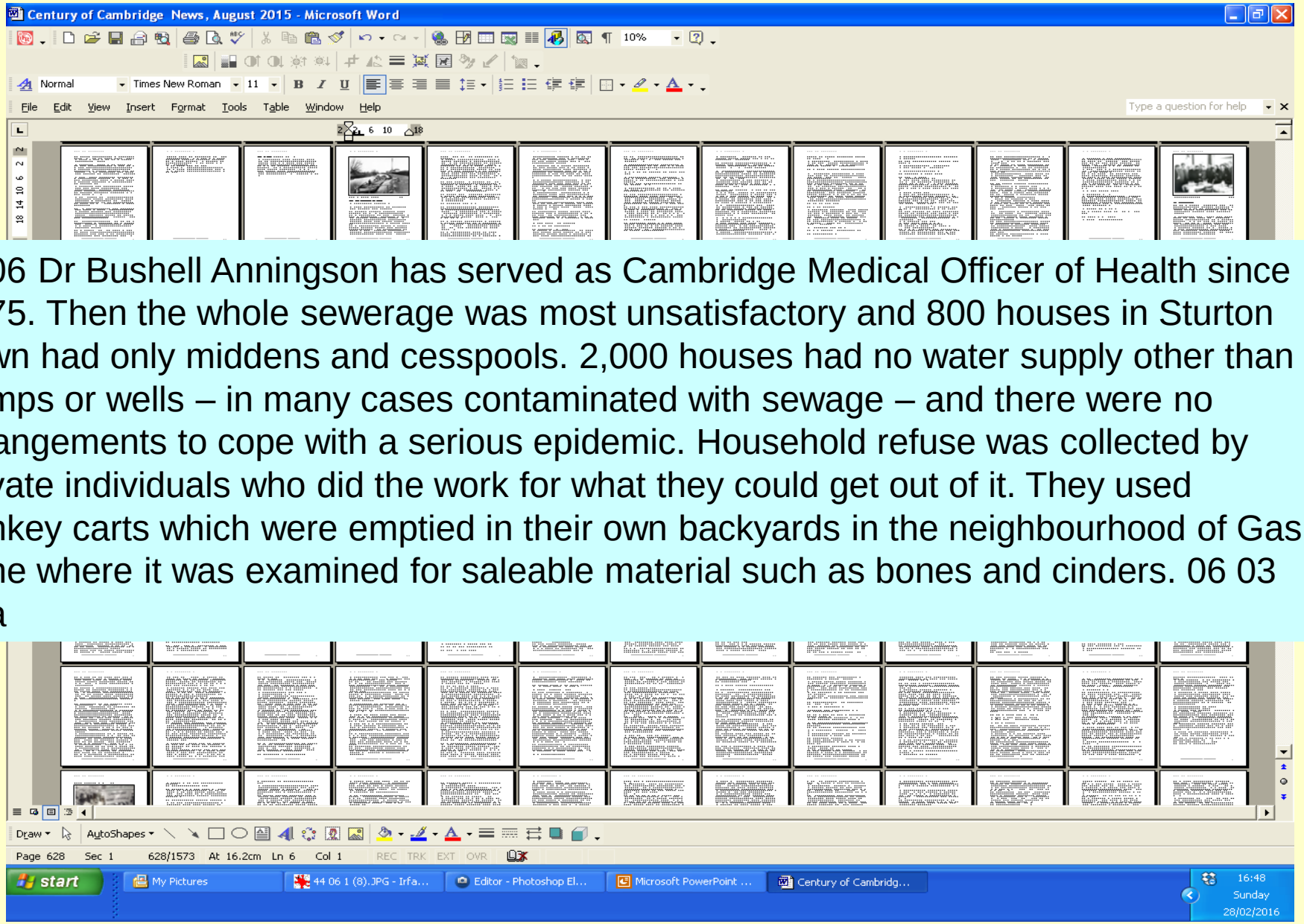
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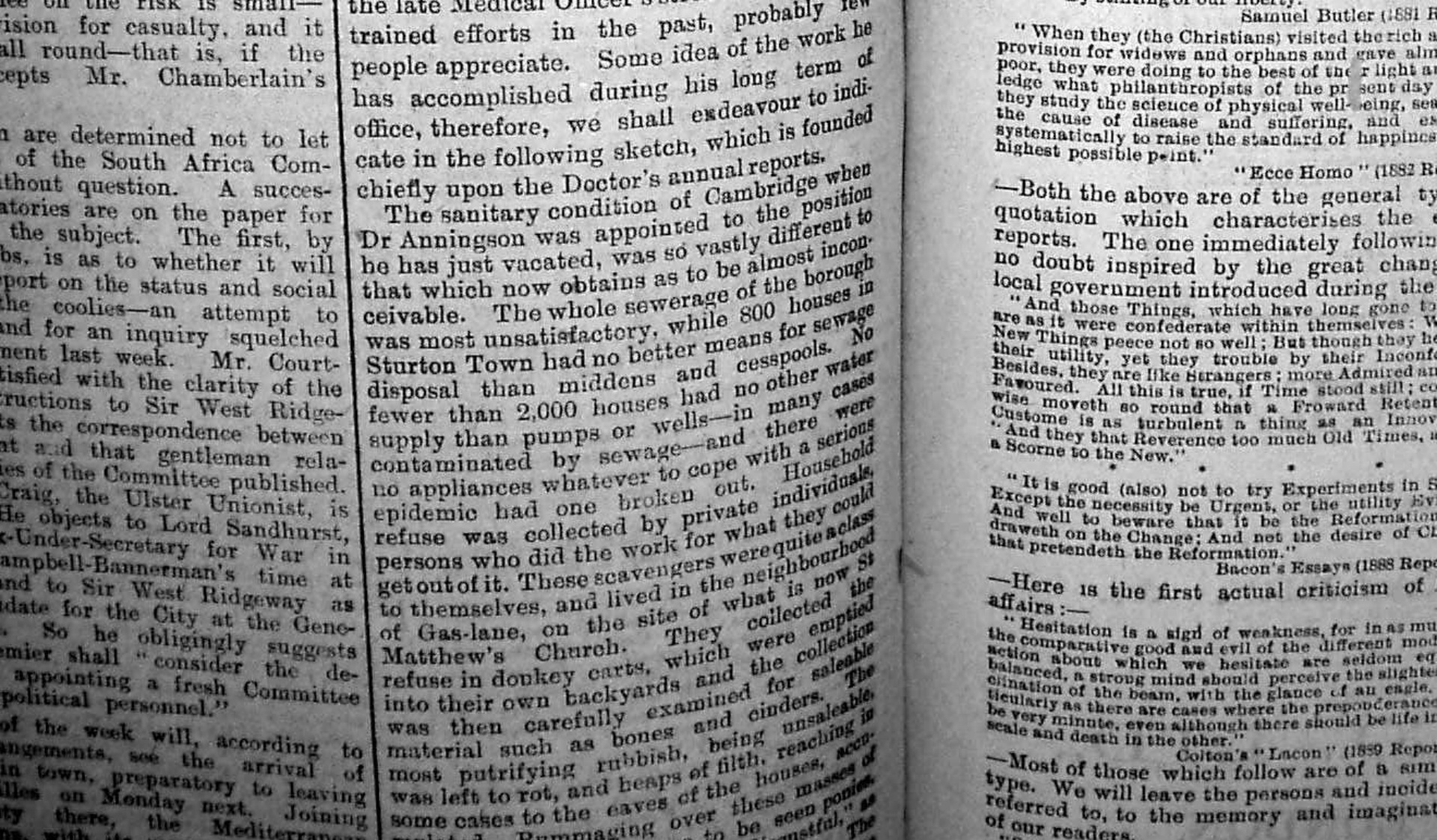
1906 Dr Bushell Anningson has served as Cambridge Medical Officer of Health since 1875. Then the whole sewerage was most unsatisfactory and 800 houses in Sturton Town had only middens and cesspools. 2,000 houses had no water supply other than pumps or wells – in many cases contaminated with sewage – and there were no arrangements to cope with a serious epidemic. Household refuse was collected by private individuals who did the work for what they could get out of it. They used donkey carts which were emptied in their own backyards in the neighbourhood of Gas Lane where it was examined for saleable material such as bones and cinders. 06 03 28a



trained efforts in the past, probably few people appreciate. Some idea of the work he has accomplished during his long term of office, therefore, we shall endeavour to indicate in the following sketch, which is founded chiefly upon the Doctor's annual reports.

The sanitary condition of Cambridge when Dr Anningson was appointed to the position he has just vacated, was so vastly different to that which now obtains as to be almost inconceivable. The whole sewerage of the borough was most unsatisfactory, while 800 houses in Sturton Town had no better means for sewage disposal than middens and cesspools. No fewer than 2,000 houses had no other water supply than pumps or wells—in many cases contaminated by sewage—and there were no appliances whatever to cope with a serious epidemic had one broken out. Household refuse was collected by private individuals, persons who did the work for what they could get out of it. These scavengers were quite a class to themselves, and lived in the neighbourhood of Gas-lane, on the site of what is now St Matthew's Church. They collected the refuse in donkey carts, which were emptied into their own backyards and the collection was then carefully examined for saleable material such as bones and cinders. The most putrifying rubbish, being unsaleable, was left to rot, and heaps of filth, reaching in some cases to the eaves of the houses, accumulated. Rummaging over these masses of fermenting nastiness were to be seen ponies, pigs and people, "all equally disgustful," as Dr Anningson says in one of his reports. The final destination of these accumulations were holes from which gravel had been dug, and on which in due time, houses were probably

Samuel Butler (1881 R

"When they (the Christians) visited the rich s provision for widows and orphans and gave alm poor, they were doing to the best of the r light a ledge what philanthropists of the present day they study the science of physical well- eing, see the cause of disease and suffering, and es systematically to raise the standard of happines highest possible p int."

"Ecce Homo" (1882 R

—Both the above are of the general ty quotation which characterises the reports. The one immediately followin no doubt inspired by the great chang local government introduced during the

"And those Things, which have long gone to are as it were confederate within themselves: W New Things peece not so well; But though they h their utility, yet they trouble by their Inconfo Besides, they are like Strangers; more Admired an Favoured. All this is true, if Time stood still; co wise moveth so round that a Froward Retent Custome is as turbulent a thing as an Innov "And they that Reverence too much Old Times, a Scorne to the New."

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"It is good (also) not to try Experiments in S Except the necessity be Urgent, or the utility Ev And well to beware that it be the Reformation draweth on the Change; And not the desire of Ch that pretendeth the Reformation."

Bacon's Essays (1888 Repo

—Here is the first actual criticism of affairs:—

"Hesitation is a sign of weakness, for in as mu the comparative good and evil of the different mod action about which we hesitate are seldom eq balanced, a strong mind should perceive the slighte cination of the beam, with the glance of an eagle. ticularly as there are cases where the preponderance be very minute, even although there should be life in scale and death in the other."

Colton's "Lacon" (1859 Repo

—Most of those which follow are of a sim type. We will leave the persons and incide referred to, to the memory and imaginat of our readers.

"STENSGARD.—One is now and then forced to dissem to conceal one's true intentions. I regard this as missible when the general weal is at stake. My life-w lies clear before me, and is all is all to me. I consecrate my whole energies to this district; I find he ferment of ideas which I must strive to clarify.

Ibsen's "The League of Youth" (1891 Report

"It is an easy and vulgar thing to please the mob, not a very arduous task to astonish them; but essenti

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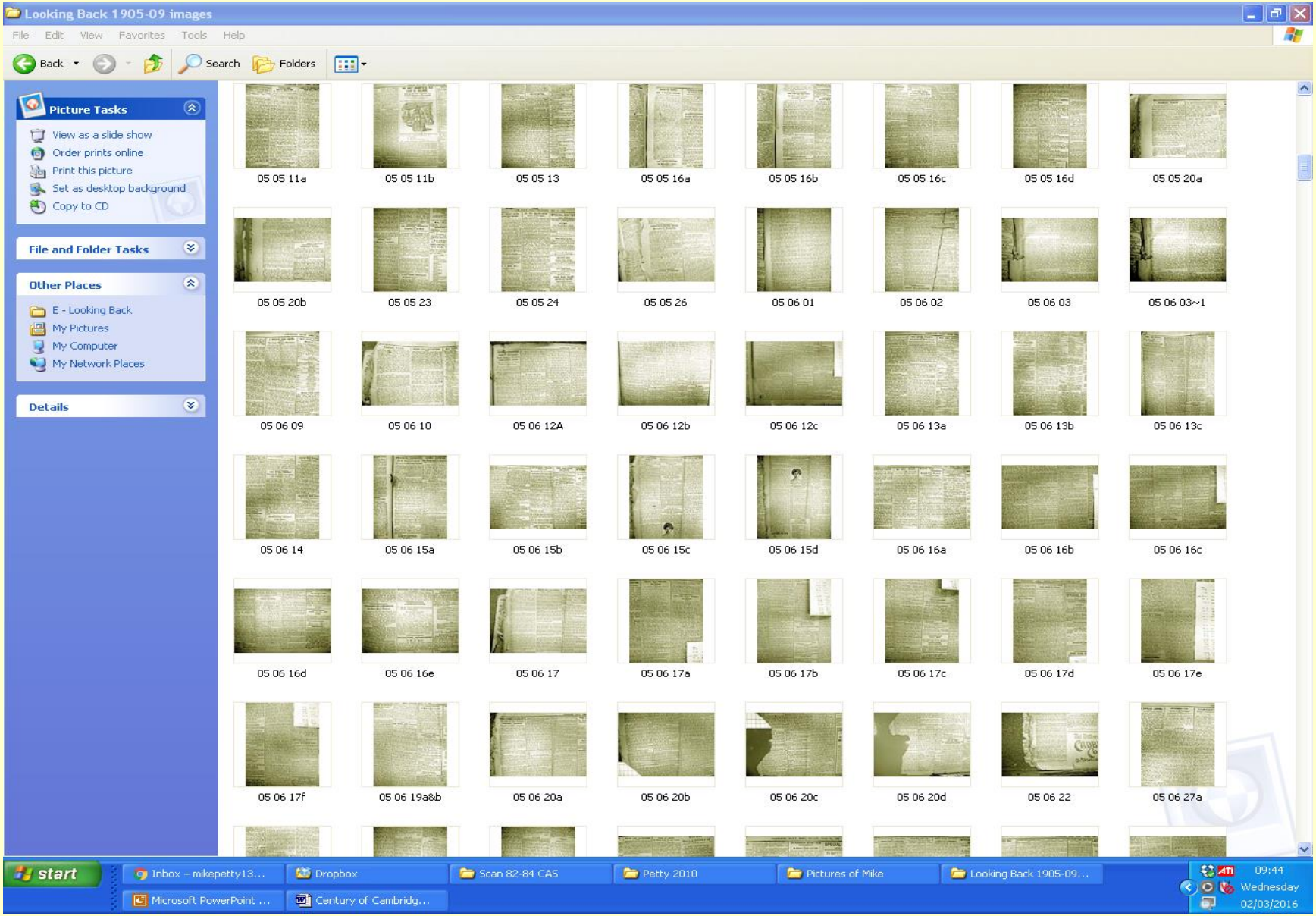

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Indian/Pakistani people at reception, 1950s 201.11

c.31 – population, immigrants

1907 Charles Henry Swornsbourne was as well-known as any man in Cambridge. He was an albino, possessing unnaturally white skin, hair and eyebrows and pink eyes. 'Whiteheaded Bob' was a talented violinist who, years ago, attended undergraduate 'wine parties' accompanied by a harpist named Calcott. He led the band at the A.D.C. from its foundation, was musical director for the Bijou Amateurs and provided music for the Beefsteak Club when they met at the Lion Hotel. 07 10 08

1930 Cambridge Guildhall was crowed with an audience chiefly composed of young men and women, but with a fair leavening of older folk, who had come to hear Dr Marie Stopes give an address on birth control. She spoke rapidly for an hour and replied to many questions. Thousands

HUNGER MARCHERS AT CAMBRIDGE
Photo] [" Press and News "
A party of hunger marchers passing through Cambridge on Saturday, escorted by members of the Borough Police Force.
COTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Hunger marchers, October 1932 *139.03*

c.32.1 : employment

headlines

1903 Since the declaration of peace last year the ranks of the unemployed in Cambridgeshire have been swelled by the steady influx from South Africa of thousands of discharged soldiers and reservists which has seriously upset the labour market. One cannot pay a visit to the tramp ward of any Workhouse without being impressed by the number of inmates who are evidently returned "heroes". In 1901 7,754 vagrants were relived at the various Unions in the district, last year the number had risen to 9.591. Cambridge spends the least per head – two shillings and three farthings – whilst Linton spends the most, six shillings and eightpence halfpenny. c03 03 24

1904 corporation reject suggestion they should start work to aid unemployed [1.13]

Coe Fen 1930s *80.09*

c.32.3 - Commons

1894 Cambridge University & Corporation Act gives considerable power of regulation over commons including power to enclose from time to time all or some part of Midsummer or Jesus Common & Butt Green [MPP.49,MMC.28]
1894 Royal Show held on 64a of Midsummer Common, Midsummer Fair held on Stourbridge common [MMC.9]
1894 Christ's Pieces bandstand erected, was originally built for Royal Show on Midsummer Common [1.18]
1894 Parker's Piece lamp standard erected [1.4]

1895 Coldham's Common new railway line & sketch of excavator [NI.1.8]

Protest in Sidney Street, 1970s *100.61*

c.32.5 trades union, strikes

headlines

1891 building strike for 22 weeks intimidation results in imprisonment [1.1]

1899 William Askham, a labourer in the employ of Messrs Coulson & Lofts told Cambridge police court that he was at work at Bridge Street and saw the prisoner, who was a striker, standing on the pavement. He came upon the building and said he would fight any one on the job for half-a-crown to a shilling. Prisoner said he was not picketing that day. They only went on duty three days a week. He never asked the men to "come out" and it was no use asking Askham to come out on strike because the society would not have him. He was sent out by the society to induce men to come out on strike, for which he received a shilling a day - 1899 08 04

1899 A meeting of Cambridge carpenters and joiners was held to obtain an increase of wages.

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c.32.8 banking

Lloyds Bank during development of Lion Yard, 1964 *154.47*

headlines
History of Cambridge savings banks – 35 04 15b & c

1845 Humfrey's Bank closure, has ceased to issue notes for some time; premises taken by London and County Bank – Bankers Magazine 1845, ebook 601

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Church Army Hostel, Willow Walk, 1978

c.32.9 : poor law, workhouses, old people's homes

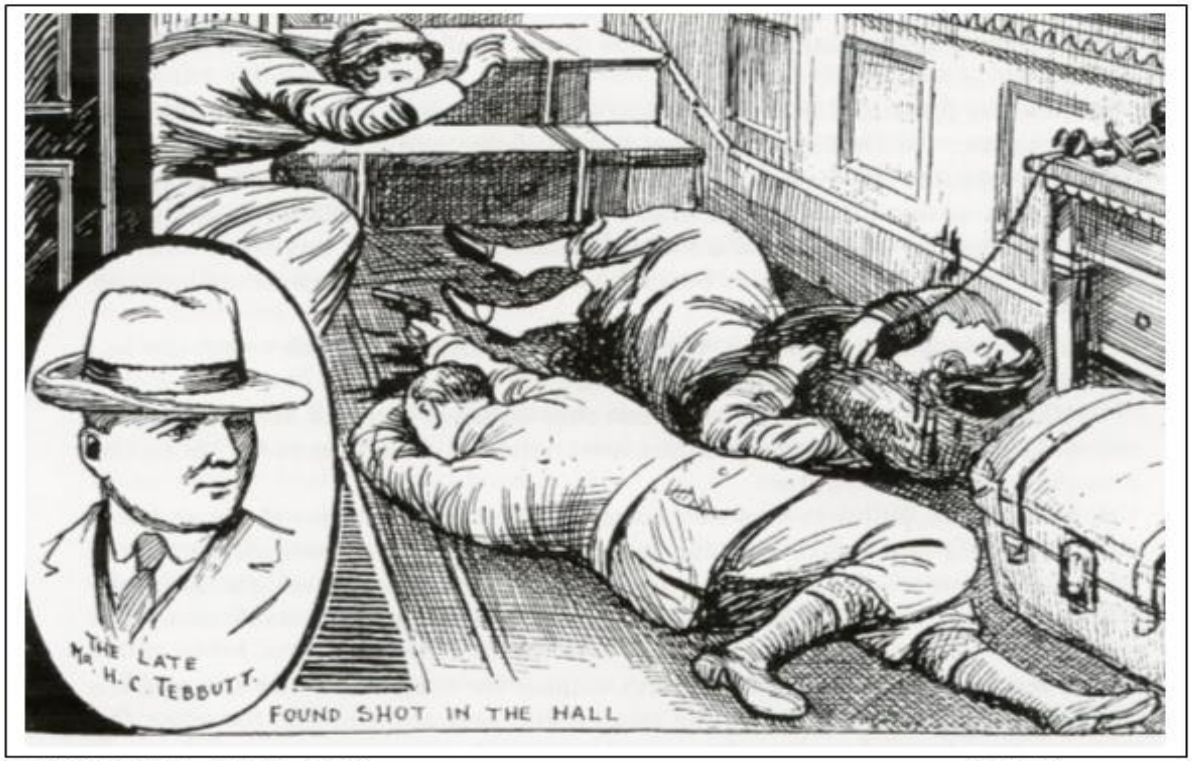
headlines
Clara Rackham recalled conditions in the Cambridge workh
were a number of children with their parents. These were eit
tramps who took refuge in the winter and took to the roads a
babies were cared for by the best of the inmates. Orphans w
people sat in their crowded day-rooms, clothed in their work
Mondays. Dinner three days a week was a plate of pea soup

1891 Stephen Mansfield founds 4 almshouses, South Ter

c.33 - politics

headlines

Election tactics long ago – Enid Porter – 59 10 07 & a
Eighty-year-old Henry Palmer of Bradmore Street had lively recollection of some of the old election fights between the Whigs and Tories. "I have seen the shop windows broken and the blood running in the streets and the paths all slippy and sloppy with it. They used to have barrels of beer on Parker's Piece and knock the head in and dip the beer out in pails and hand it round. The political parties used to be hot in those days" He also recalled how a man who lived in the



Murder in Hills Avenue, 1932 *189.23*

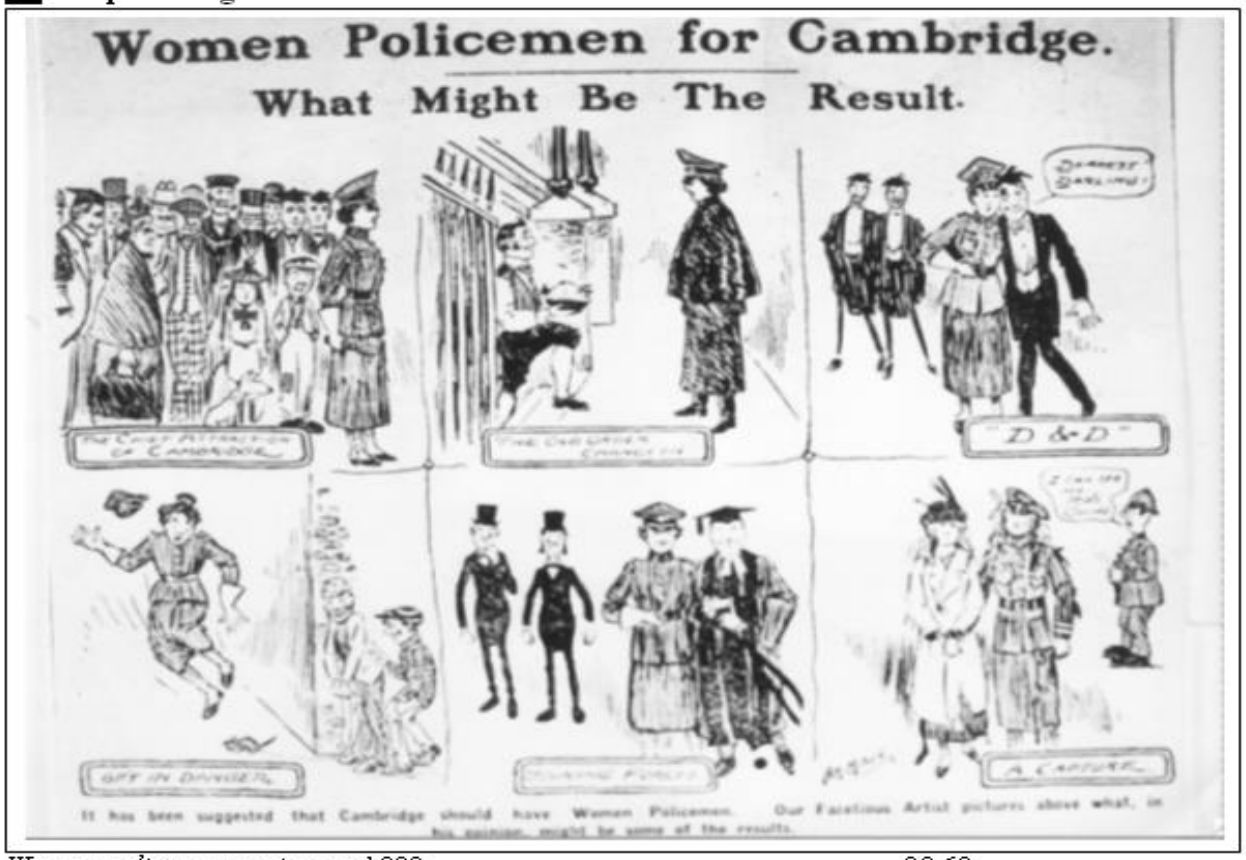
c.34.6 : crime & punishment
see also police c. 34.7 and courts c. 34.9

headlines

1888 letter threatens "Jack the Ripper" treatment to lady [346.2.1]

1891 girl escapes from Spinning House & is re-arrested, produces outcry in press & University official convicted of carelessness & ignorance in exercise of his powers; feelings run high & series of meetings called to sort out the matter [2.16]
1891 Spinning House escape, cartoon, how University court works[NI.2.11]

1892 Daisy Hopkins case [346.1.2]


Women Policemen for Cambridge.
What Might Be The Result.
"D & D"
It has been suggested that Cambridge should have Women Policemen. Our Facetious Artist pictures above what, in his opinion, might be some of the results.

Women policemen cartoon, c1900 *90.69*

headlines

William Maltby of Devonshire Road joined the police force in 1849, rising to the rank of inspector. In those days constables wore top hats instead of helmets with cut-away coats around which they wore a belt of piratical proportions. There were only 30 constables, two inspectors and a superintendent whose headquarters were in Emmanuel Road.
07 03 15
1895 new County & police courts in Guildhall St [2.17]

1897
Charity Commission scheme; corporation get entire use of Spinning House to expand police station, rebuild one day 1897 02 06 CDN

Motor fire engine leaves station in St Andrew's Street, 1920 *156.08*

c.34.75 : fires

headlines
Volunteer Fire Brigade formed 1875, another at Chesterton amalgamated 1911; 1921 replaced by Police fire brigade till Fire Brigades Act 1938 when every county borough or county district to organise; 1939-45 became NFS & to local control - Cambs 1948 [446.16.1]

1890 biggest fire in 30 years at Clare college [1.3]

1895 2 die in fire at tobacconists, Trinity Street, - Ch 15 Mar 1895, [1.4]

1896 fire at candle factory [1.21]

1897
Station Road fire, 1897 07 07 p2 & 8th, p3 CDN
1897 There was a large attendance of the public when the annual inspection of the Cambridge

County gaol, Castle Hill 1930 *68.62*

c.34.9 : courts, prisons
see c. 34.6 for other stories

Judges stay at Trinity College – history by F.A. Reeve – 64 01 25

Hangings at Cambridge County Gaol & elsewhere

1801 03	William Grimshaw, house breaking
1802 04	William Wright & John Bullock, arson
1812 03 28	William Nightingale, alias Bird, forgery
1812 08 08	Daniel Dawson, poisoning horse at Newmarket
1816 06 28	John Dennis, Isaac Harley, Thomas Smith, William Beamiss & George Crow, Littleport riots, *at Ely*
1817	John Scare, burglary Whittlesford
1819 08 06	Thomas Weems, murdered wife Arrington
1824 04 03	John Lane, rape

Shire Hall at opening 1964 *86.203*

c.35.1 : county admin - County Hall

headlines

1888 County Council established under Local Government Act, much of business previously transacted by Quarter Sessions assigned to them. Offices established in various parts of the town & Council meetings held in Guildhall [3.7,3.1,3.2]

1901 Cambridge may be justly congratulated on her County Councillors. The meeting was opened and conducted throughout in a very business-like & decorous manner. Good nature, a courtly yielding to others and a desire to be conciliatory seemed to be general. The language was decidedly moderate. Another noticeable feature is the large number of young men on the Council. Youthful spirits will go on working cheerfully instead of mournfully shaking their heads and eternally speaking of the "good old times c01 03 27

c.35.7 : Cambridge Corporation

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Civic procession to Gt St Mary's *156.96*

c.35.7 : city council
headlines

Guildhall and Market Hill site – history by Mrs Keynes – 37 02 18

1833 Corporation commissioners report, 1833 – 08 05 09b & c

1859 Redevelopment scheme for Guildhall site, 1859 – history – 59 08 14b & c

1888 Local Government Act results in two Councillors being appointed annually by University Senate & four others elected by Colleges
1888 death of Edmund Foster, Town Clerk [3.6]
1888 Chesterton UDC electors vote in favour of erection of new bridge (Victoria Bridge), apply for Act [3.7]

Water Street, Chesterton c1900 *105.01*

c.35.7- boundary extension etc - included in chronological
summary
headlines

1888 Chesterton UDC electors vote in favour of erection of new bridge (Victoria Bridge), apply for Act [3.7]
1888 Local Government Act results in two Councillors being appointed annually by University Senate & four others elected by Colleges

1889 Cambridge Improvement Commissioners powers pass to Town Council Newnham Croft electors favour incorporation into Borough [3.8]
1889 discussions on draft provisional Local Government Order and its significance for Cambridge [3.9]

1897 Chesterton amalgamation : electors vote 985 to 349 against incorporation into Borough [1.17]

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Guildhall construction 1936 *161.58*

c.35.78 : Guildhall
headlines

1772 new Guildhall built to designs by James Essex; it was partially obscured behind the Shire House of Hall which moved to Castle Hill in 1842. Before long the Guildhall was too small & very inadequate

1897 Belcher design 'preserved simplicity & avoided the charge of unnecessary extravagance; cost estimated £40,000 with likelihood would rise to £60,000; considered extravagant & dropped. Meanwhile existing building had municipal offices & police court tacked on but by 1920s overcrowding was back again.

c.36.5 : Schools

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St Andrew's School, Chesterton closure, 1981 *160.13*

c.36.5 - schools

headlines

1887 University correspondence college., Burlington House, founded to provide University education by postal tuition - occupational [446.12.4]

1890 Perse Boys new school opposite Roman Catholic church, founded 1617 (prep school to Trumpington Rd 1954, new school buildings opened 1961 [11.1]

1893 Church Industrial School Victoria Road closed [3.1]

1894 Ross Street Boys opened [2.21]

1895 Union Road Roman Catholic School enlarged [3.6]

1896 Park Street Higher Grade opened [3.4]

c.36.52 : Language schools.

Language school students gather on Peas Hill, 1988 *170.95*

1952 Davies school opened, moved Bateman St 1958 so oldest of kind in city [NS.1.12]
1952 boom in teaching English to foreigners; were 30 foreign students outside University; this summer more than 1,000 in local language schools, some of which taken over colleges for Long Vacation; fees £2.10.0 week [1.1]

1955 The Bell School of Languages in Cranmer Road, Cambridge was opened by the Chancellor of Cambridge University, Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Lord Tedder. This term 50 men and women from 22 countries including Germany, Cambodia, Saudi Arabia and Finland are studying there. The Principal, Mr Bell, said the aim was not only to teach the way we say things but the way we do them and warned students not to be 'a little colony of foreigners in England' 55 10 01 & a

1957 "our foreign students are bored to tears" [2.4]

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CCAT building, East Road 1983 68.58

c.36.7: adult education

TECHNICAL COLLEGE
In 1850s attempt to start a School of Art had failed, in 1858 held soiree with an inaugural address by Mr Ruskin. School opened November 1858 at 9 Sidney Street, by 1862 had moved Guildhall & in 1889 the Technical Instruction Act was passed & Borough Council made grant of 3100 & built small Institute for Technical Education in East Road. 1902 Education Act changed status of school for County made responsible for Higher Education though Borough continued grant & housed school. Collier Road site opened 1909 by American Ambassador. 1921 Education Act pioneered day continuation schools pointing need for systematic technical education. By 1923 had department of Commerce & provides courses for apprentices in building, printing & scientific laboratories. 1920s saw period continual growth & appearance of full-time students - 15 in 1921, 117 by 1930.

These are evidence of development of the Trade School from which many departments present college grown - train boys & girls for employment in skilled industries - though give no guarantee of work due unemployment situation.

c.36.9 : University

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Prince Philip leads Chancellor's parade, 1987 *141.95*

c.36.9 : University - administration, teaching, departments & research
headlines
dept

When Charles Darwin came to receive his Honorary Degree in the Senate House, years ago, undergraduates rose to the occasion. A thin chord had been quietly run across from one gallery to the other and just as the Orator began his choicest Latin praise, there suddenly slid down and swung, exactly over Darwin's head, the huge airy imitation of an ape dangling a rusty chain labelled 'Missing Link'. The laughter baffled all the efforts of the proctors to maintain order, even the grave and reverend dons could not help joining in. CWN 09 07 02
Cavendish Laboratory and the atom bomb – book 61 04 14
Cavendish Laboratory made its own equipment – F.A. Reeve – 61 11 09a

1890 Phillipa Fawcett placed above Senior Wrangler in Part 1 Maths Tripos [4.2.7.20]

Protest over student grants, February 1973 *155.96*

c.36.92 : undergraduate life
includes rags, protest, women etc which also listed separately

headlines

towards close of Edwardian era at 20 Trinity St "young gentlemen reclined in their rooms consuming larks on toast using silver cutlery brought with them at the beginning of term - suite consisted of sitting room and bedroom, 9 sets in building converted from two houses into one boarding establishment; each had laden coal scuttle each day, baths run & gentlemen called at predetermined times; 9 suits of clothes carefully cleaned & pressed the day before were placed at ready, anything-g other than suits was seldom worn; 9 fires lit & 9 breakfasts served in own room; as day went on all chairs etc covered by sheets and dusting would begin. Typical breakfast include fish, fruit or popular mixed grill featuring devilled kidneys. In kitchen a large wickerwork basket housed each mans silver cutlery, a large wardrobe contained individual sets of linen brought up at beginning of term while large cellar contained nine racks for each mans stock of

Mock Funeral procession, c1910 *104.67*

c.3693 : University – rags – undergraduate excesses
see also Bonfire night, May week, Poppy Day rag

Cambridge rags – history feature – 59 11 20 &
headlines
1888 Prince of Wales birthday - farm wagon drawn by 2 horses & packed with undergraduates in various attire followed by crowds parades street (6.11.88)

1897 University debate women's degrees; poll 1,707 to 661 against; exciting scenes at Senate House, bonfire Market Hill [1.8, 3.5, 8.10]
1897 After the Senate House scenes yesterday (when the University voted against degrees for women) there was a brief respite. It was the calm before the storm. About 7 o'clock there was a grand gathering of the clans. Undergraduates began trooping through the streets to what was obviously a pre-arranged rendezvous - the Market Hill. From the four corners of the square fire was opened upon everybody and everything within range. Bombs, hand-rockets, and every

'Ragging' cartoon, c1905 175.12

c.36.94: bonfire night

1898
Saturday was a typical "fifth" in Cambridge. Faithfully following the precedent set in former years a number of Varsity men and townspeople assembled in the market place, which for three hours or so was crowded with excitable and pugilisitically-inclined youths, representing Town and gown. The Gown driven from pillar to post by the howling mob, appeared to be greatly terrified, and despite the vigilance of the police, of whom a large number were told off for special duty, the celebration was not entirely free from violence. Neither town nor gown missed many opportunities of displaying their physical prowess and many are the reports circulated as to the results of the pugilistic encounters that ensued c1898 11 06

1899 The attention of the University Council of Senate has been called to the disorder which attended the bonfire on November 24th, 1898 when the actual destruction of property was considerable. They recommend that members of the University are forbidden to take part in making or lighting of bonfires in public places within the precincts of the university. Members offending will render themselves liable to be punished by suspension, rustication, expulsion or otherwise c1899 02 09

'Magic Roundabout' at Rag Day 1971 *155.01*

c.36.95 : Poppy day rag

1921 rags seemed to have reached climax after WWI, by 1920 "a new kind of misdirected energy, originality & daring is being poured into organising elaborate stunts, hoaxes & escapades; Michaelmas 1921 was great term for rags : Senate opened academic year by debating granting degrees for women; became political issue; first rag of burning gates of Newnham, then on voting day a colossal mock funeral for 'The death of the Varsity' with corpse of last male undergraduate being borne on a bier surrounded by aged mourners whose long grey beards dragged in dust; Armistice Day heralded by great Gun Day when German gun removed from Jesus college
1921 first collection made on 26 November passed smoothly (not done by undergrads); undergrads asked that this collection be organised entirely by their committee & take full responsibility that no incidents [38]

1922 If the Cambridge undergraduate can find any excuse for a "rag" he invariably organises a more or less elaborate affair. Yesterday's "circus" was a rag that everybody could enjoy; it did no

Mock Funeral, Market Street, 1962 *104.64*

c.3696 : mock funerals

Mock Funerals

1899 Yesterday afternoon the attention was attracted by what seemed to be an imposing funeral procession. But this was no ordinary funeral for instead of the usual hease an open landau led the way and this was occupied by three young men who wore "the trappings of woe" very lightly. Following were nearly a score of hansoms. It is alleged that at the end of last term at student of Queens' college "ragged" a couple of Freshmen's rooms. The matter was reported to the University authorities who came to the conclusion he should be sent down for a year. His friends resolved to show their disapproval. Before the train left the company whistled the "Dead March" and it left amid ringing cheers 1899 02 17

1899 When residents in St Andrew's street, Cambridge, saw a procession of cabs passing onward "all mournful and slow" to the railway station the people knew that someone had been sent down from the University. From Emmanuel college a youth emerged and under a shower of rice made hurriedly for the cab waiting at the door. The driver, "Gentleman Joe" wore a tall hat draped with crape, and so did the drivers of some four cabs what followed. The hero of the hour entered the Great Northern Station, the train moving out to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne".

May Week celebrations, 1969 *98.33*

c.36.97 : May Week
(see also c. 38 : rowing)

1899 The gaieties of the May Term have today been enhanced by the appearance of the Australian cricketers. Last night famous Grassy and Ditton Paddock were the scene of brilliant assemblages of beauty and fashion. Cambridge is full for the Eights week and looking at her best. The fair sex - a mighty host - seem to be arrayed in their most killing attire. Almost everybody - who is anybody - seems to have got his people "up", and everybody's people appear resolutely determined to enjoy themselves - 1899 06 08

1901 On the occasion of the annual ball the precincts of picturesque Clare college were lavishly illuminated and decorated. The centre path of the court was covered in and carpeted; palms were placed in groups on the lawn and the whole court made brilliant with hundreds of fairy lamps and Chinese lanterns. Rows of fairy lamps along the river side gave the garden a particularly beautiful appearance. Dancing took place in the hall and the combination room. There were 21 dances on the programme and three supper dances. Supper was set in the reading room c01 06 14

Women's degree vote, Senate House 1897 *74.03*

c.36.98 : University - women

1873 The very first girl student to attend University lectures in Cambridge, Miss Dove, is going to be the first lady mayor in English history. She must not be confused with the common or garden suffragette. All her life she has been something of a pioneer. She was one of the little group of twelve ladies who enrolled at Miss Emily Davies' college, then carried on at Hitchin, and the very first to enter the new building at Girton where the students re-assembled in October 1873 CWN 08 10 30 p5

1890 Phillipa Fawcett placed above Senior Wrangler in part 1 Maths Tripos (appointed Principal Assistant London County Council Education Department in 1905) [4.2, 7.20]

Church of England Temperance Society procession, 1913 *87.27*

c.37 : societies
headlines

1888 Philo Union wound up [2.12]

1897
St Barnabas Institute opening (illus), 1897 11 02 p3 CDN

1898 The Cambridge YWCA, having found its old quarters growing too small and inadequate to its requirements has obtained Geneva House, Regent Street, and there established its head-quarters. Yesterday a meeting was convened at which the Vice Chancellor of the university presided and spoke. He said that the new premises were in every way more suited to the needs of the Association. In their new house the windows of the back rooms, which he fancied would be those most used by the young women, overlooked his garden, and he was unable to disabuse himself of an idea they would keep an eye on him. The Master of Trinity then rose. He said he had known nothing of the removal, and had been ignorant of the nature of the gathering he was to address. He did not like to trust his eyes, which were not of the best. He had never in all his experience known an educational establishment change its quarters without bettering itself

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Boy Scout parade, Bridge Street, c1910 *52.02*

c.37.9 : youth groups

1902 The members of the Cambridge Y.M.C.A. celebrated their jubilee with a soiree in their rooms in Alexandra Street. 50 years ago the Church of England Young Men's Society and the Sunday School Teachers' Institute amalgamated, forming the Association. It settled in Rose Crescent. In 1853 it moved to larger premises at 5, Sidney Street, moving to Hobson Place in 1858 and then St Edward's Passage. In 1870 the first stone was laid of their present building; it was completed a year later. To call the soiree a success is scarcely adequate; the visitors never had a dull moment from the time they entered the door until the National Anthem brought the evening to a close CDN 1902 10 24

1905 The Cambridge "Girl's Realm" Guild was founded in connection with the "Girl's Realm Magazine" and members do all they can for the sick by sending toys, picture-books and garments for distribution among the poor. Any boy can become a 'squire' at a subscription of one shilling. A Factory Girls Home has been built in Kennington Road, London to assist tired work-girls who would not otherwise gain relief from the year's toil 05 12 02a

c.38 : sport

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c.38: sport, chronological

Athletic mums, 1950s *123.74*

headlines

1888 rowing : undergraduate killed in Bumps accident when pointed bow hit ribs when rowing & ribs pierced his heart, Stearn the photographer took photo which proves rudder defective [5.26,5.27]

1888 skating : proposal to flood Stourbridge Common for skating [5.25]

1888 swimming : Cambridge University & Town Swimming Baths Company established [5.28, 6.1]

1889 cricket ; County Cricket Association formed [4.10,5.1]

c.38 : sports a-z

Competitors, King's Parade c1900 *99.01*

c.38 : Athletics
includes running, marathons

188- Charlie Rowell long-distance champion – feature – 60 01 07b
1880 Champion runner Mike Newton came to Folk Museum Cambridge in search of a legend. There he was able to wear a belt won 100 years ago by Charlie Rowell, the 'Long Distance Champion of the World. He first won it at Madison Square Garden, New York in 1879 and went on to gain it outright with three six-day wins in succession the following year. Charlie's record of running 258 miles in 48 hours has remained unbeaten for over 100 years. 82 02 13a

1902 The fifth annual race promoted by the Cambridge Cross County Union was decided over the county course. The competitors having been photographed were send on their journey. The Champion of the County, F. Hewish was the first man home. C.A. Mitchell ran well for the second place and H.H. Stacey was third. The Albert Institute Harriers who won the first race in

c.38 : Billiards & snooker

Ambulance men play billiards as they wait for a call, 1956 *200.12*

1906 Hudson's brewery applied for the transfer of the licence of the Golden Fleece, Ram Yard, an old beer-house attached to Brown's billiard rooms, which years ago was a celebrated resort of University billiard players. The house had been closed for eight months but now there was a new tenant. Some days ago it was refused, but now it was granted. 06 12 29a

1911 billiards : challenge match played [4.17]

1912 league set up [4.17]

1913 Billiard league first annual meeting 13 10 17 p10 CIP

1938 Joe Davis' billiards club - women's world champ [1.2]

1954 Since the inauguration of the C.D.N. Snooker Cup for the amateur championship of Cambridgeshire in 1946, only three names have previously been inscribed on this coveted trophy. Now that of L.T. Ambrose has joined the names of P.G.T. Hughes, A.L. Batterbee and R.E. Williams. In the final he beat W. Philpott through superior tactical play. Philpott played the

Bowls on Christs Pieces, 1940s 86.179

c.38 : Bowls

1911 part of Christ's Pieces opened [7.14]

1919 Romsey green laid; Romsey bowls club formed 1922 [13.3]

1922 Romsey recreation ground bowling green opened [2.20]

1925 Christ's Pieces bowling green opened [3.6]
1925 County bowling association formed [3.8]

Boxing match, 1950s

c.38 : Boxing

1905 The Cambridge Hippodrome has secured the services of Alec Bain, one of the best-known wrestlers in the country. He offers £20 to any man he fails to defeat in 15 minutes or £50 to anyone who defeats him. His opponent in a 'catch-as-catch-can' contest was Mr Davis, a well-known local exponent of physical culture. For eight minutes he extricated himself from dangerous holds but then was fixed in a 'hammer-lock', a hold he claimed was not allowed as it was very dangerous. But the referee's judgement was in favour of Bain. 05 11 14a

1906 An assault-at-arms at the Conservative Hall, Soham, included a ten-round boxing contest between 'Happy' Pinfield of Newmarket and 'Porkie' Archer of Soham. Pinfield proved himself the best boxer and hardly a minute had elapsed ere Archer had enough; he dodged through the ropes and hit behind the screen amidst the laughter of the spectators. Later Steve Canty guaranteed to defeat three men in nine rounds, but only two accepted the challenge and were quickly disposed of. 06 03 01b

Night climbers with equipment, 1930s *136.67*

c.38 : climbing and night climbing

1905 It is seldom that a Cambridge tradesman, in the short time he can allow himself for a holiday, undertakes such a hazardous venture as that successful accomplished by Mr Alphonso Smith. He has succeeded in ascending Mont Blanc only to find the little observatory on the summit so covered with snow that he could not find the door. It was so bitterly cold that he made only a very short stay. He has no wish to make a second ascent. 05 09 09 & a

Night climbing

1908 undergraduates climb Backs trees, roped together in Alpine fashion - 08 03 14
1908 There has been an Alpine fever amongst undergraduates, finding a vent in climbing trees

Australians at Fenners, the Varsity taking the field, 1956 *110.66*

c.38 : Cricket

Arthur Deck was one of the best-known inhabitants of Cambridge. Hundreds annually gathered on King's Parade to witness his quaint tradition of firing rockets at midnight every New Years Eve. As a young man he made balloon ascents including one from Fenner's when the balloon tore a slice off the pavilion roof. CWN 08 09 04 p5
William Buttress, born 1827, one of the greatest break bowlers of all times – history – 61 04 08
Robert Carpenter, bowler 1830-1901, Tom Hayward & other cricketers - feature – 61 04 14d

St Giles Cricket Club history – 62 04 25

1889 County Cricket Association formed [4.10,5.1,13.8]

1892 Fenner's purchased [2.15]

A.R. Skeel on ride from London to King's Lynn, 1912 *172.50*

c.38 : Cycling

see also c. 26.485 bicycles

1899 At the Granta Cycling Club smoking concert the chairman said all cyclists in Cambridge were determined to have a cycle track. Every kind of athletics was catered for except cyclists. It was not fair to those who placed stock on Midsummer Common to have it there, and unless it was enclosed they would not get a 'gate' as people who paid to see races generally liked to go on a stand. If cyclists were determined to have a track they should collect a sum equivalent to that paid by those who put stock in the Common and then they could have their ground enclosed c1899 11 12

1903 The Granta Cycling Club ceased to exist when the annual meeting was held at the Blue Boar Hotel, Cambridge. When the track at the Backs of the Colleges was in use the membership rose to 50 but it has been gradually dwindling for the last three years since no cycling track has been available in Cambridge. In the event of a cycle track being obtained they will make an effort to revive the club. The balance sheet showed that the club died solvent. c 03 06 13

1905 Proposed cycle track, Midsummer Common – 05 08 15a & b

1905 Dartigan, the only exponent of the daring and sensational acts of cycling around a loop

Darts match, 1950s *123.47*

c.38 : Darts

Star Brewery league one of first to be formed [21.10]

1930 The Cambridge Skittle League was formed in August and proved that the average man was a sportsmen; a lot of people were inclined to 'run down' the public house games such as darts, dominoes and shove ha'penny. The Skittles League met the requirements of these people and what should be more natural than they should go to the poor man's club – the local inn. Publicans went out of their way to provide every amusement and recreation
30 04 11

1944 Newmarket Road & district darts league starts at Corner House due to blackout [4.16]

1958 Castle and District Darts League involves about 30 teams and incorporates the majority of the darts experts so a high standard of play was witness at the Rex Ballroom when both the

fisherwoman, 1930's *159.85*

c.38 : Fishing

1905 Two undergraduates said they were fishing at Holywell when Baron de Ketschemdorf arrived in another punt and asked them to move. They declined, saying the river was public, at which the Baron said he would throw them in the river. There was a wrestle during which he tried to throttle them. The German said he had driven a pole in the bed of the river showing that he had already occupied that water and it was a point of etiquette not to fish there. The men had threatened to hit him with a bucket. He was fined £1. 05 08 5b – d

1906 An extraordinary sight, which ought never to occur again, is to be witnessed at Baitsbite Lock. For a hundred yards the surface of the water is literally covered with dead and dying fish – pike, roach, bream, dace and a host of smaller fry. Fishermen would never have dreamed there were as many fish in the waters. They have been slaughtered by the introduction of some noxious substance into the river. 06 10 04 & a

c.38 : football

Cambridge United fans 1973 *201.15*

1884 Cambs F.A. founded [14.1]

1895 University Football & Rugger ground laid out, Grange Rd [446.12.5]
1895 Henry Clement Francis left land in parish of Fen Ditton to vicar of Fen Ditton & Mayor for football & grazing and dancing & if no longer needed to sell ground with half proceeds to Cambridge & District nurses & Abbey church

1896 Parkers Piece protest re closure to footballers [NI.2.1]

1902 Cambridge & District Thursday League formed [14.

1903 Mr Percy Humphreys, formerly a regular player for Cambridge St Mary's Football Club is now the possessor of an international cap. Cambridge has a way of showing appreciation of distinction attained in sport by complimentary dinners and it was only fitting that following those to cricketers Ranji and Tom Hayward a similar compliment should be paid to a townsman who has attained the highest honour in the other great national game. He was known as 'The Little

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Jesus Green putting course is in the usual fine condition, as an increasing number of players are finding out during the welcome return to summer weather.

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Putting on Jesus Green, May 1938 180.88

c.38 : **Golf**

Golf on Coldham's Common historical article – 61 02 17

1875 Cambridge Golf club began to play 9-hole course, Coldham's Common, about 2 years later name changed Cambridge University Golf Club; 1887 altered to 18 holes [16.10]

1895 Grays golf links open Grantchester Meadows [16.10]

1899 The subjugation of England to golf proceeds at a rapid race. Cambridge has already done homage to the Scottish game, and announcements made this week on behalf of Caius College shows that the popularity is still on the increase. Caius propose to devote about 250 acres of land

Coursing meeting c1900 *185.83*

c.38 : Greyhound racing

1902 A rabbit coursing and whippet race meeting was held in a field near the Milton Road, Cambridge and some good sport was witnessed. There was a smaller programme than on some former occasions. A good entry was received and some fine dogs were in the field. A proposal has been made to organise a coursing society for Cambridge and the idea is receiving considerable support. CDN 1902 01 28

1922 The Whippet meeting arranged by the Cambridge Whippet Racing Club was held in the club's straight running ground, Arbury Road, Cambridge, when a good crowd of spectators witnessed some very decent running. The weather conditions were far from ideal for dog racing, and undoubtedly were responsible for some indifferent running CDN c 23.4.1922

1928 track prepared off Cherry Hinton Road & Cambridgeshire Greyhound Racing club formed, churches protest, [4.5]

1932 Mr F. Plumby of Abbey Walk, who looks after the Cambridge Greyhound racing track on Newmarket Road, said he was at work in the middle of the track when a hare dashed on to it, closely pursued by a pack of harriers. It ran right round the whole 565 yards length of the course, and just as it reached the winning-post the dogs came up with it. It ran into the space reserved for the judge, and there the pack killed it. 32 12 23b

Ladies hockey teams at Homerton College, 1953 *123.79*

c.38 : hockey

1911 rinking very popular, carnivals at Chesterton rink & hockey club associated with it [7.12]

1931 Every woman who plays hockey is proud of Miss Gaskell. In 1914she took the first women's hockey team to Australia and has taken teams to the United States and South Africa. During the war she became Commandant of the Red Cross Convalescent Hospital for soldiers at St Chads that was open until 1919. She then started Barton W.I. and joined the Folk Dancing Society. 31 03 13a

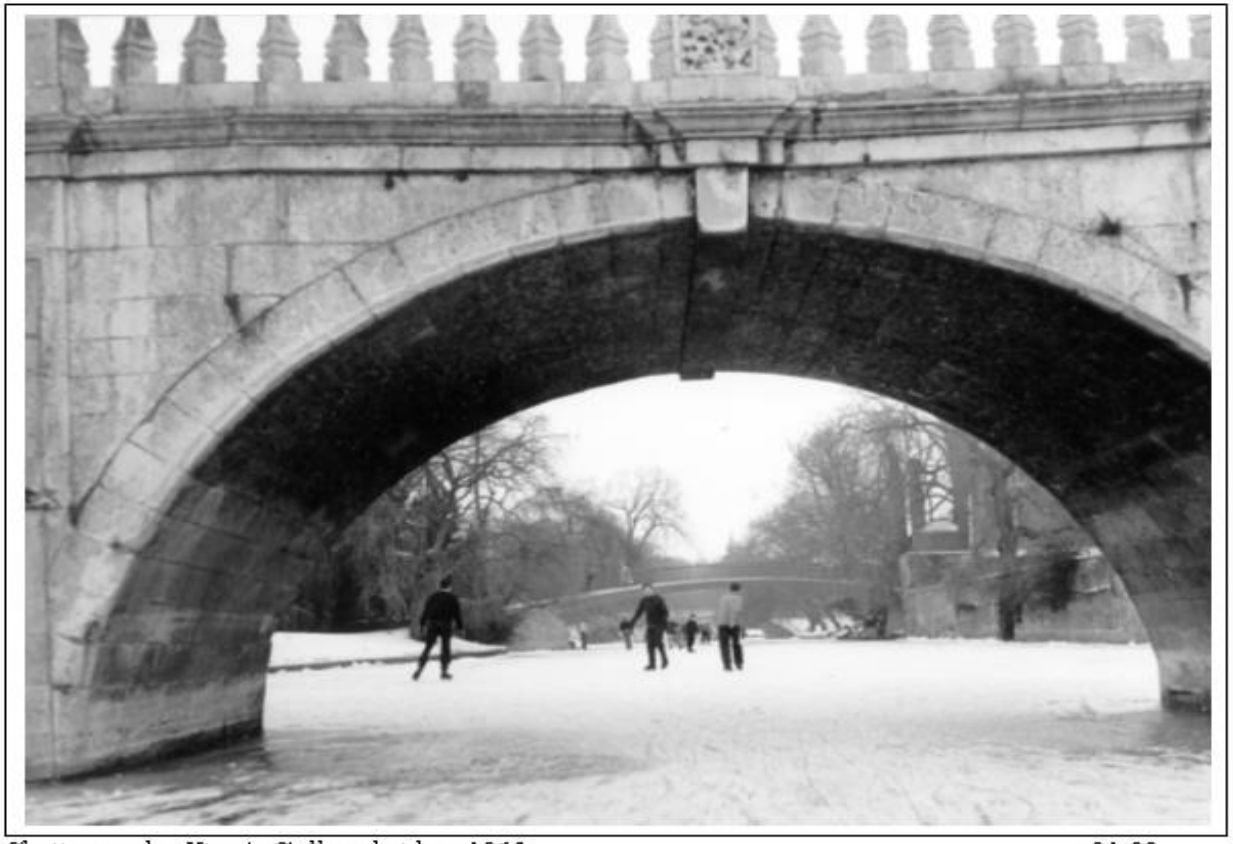
1938 A pavilion erected in memory of H.G. Comber and W.F. Smith was opened on the University Hockey Ground, Barton Road. Comber had been captain of the University side in 1893, chairman of the council of the Hockey Association and first President of the Eastern Counties Association formed in 1908 while Mr Smith had been its Secretary for many years and had played for England from 1911-21. Inside is a case containing a collection of old hockey and

Hunting hounds beside river, 1950s *172.90*

c.38 : hunting
started 23.8.2005

1907 A stag chased by the Cambridge Drag Hounds jumped into the garden of a house in Gower Road, Royston, then plunged through the window into the parlour. Two young ladies were terribly frightened as the animal dashed round, breaking chairs, pictures and mirrors until huntsmen secured it. Meanwhile the hounds entered the kitchen and devoured the whole of the family's dinner. The huntsmen continue their sport after leaving an address to which the owner should write for compensation. 07 03 01

1909 Following a prosecution of an undergraduate for alleged cruelty to a deer when hunted by the University Draghounds the Vice Chancellor has ordered that the stags kept by the hunt are to be sent away from Cambridge. In future the hunting of deer or other animals kept in confinement renders members of the University amenable to the Court of Discipline. The practice, therefore, so far as the University is concerned, is at an end CWN 09 12 03



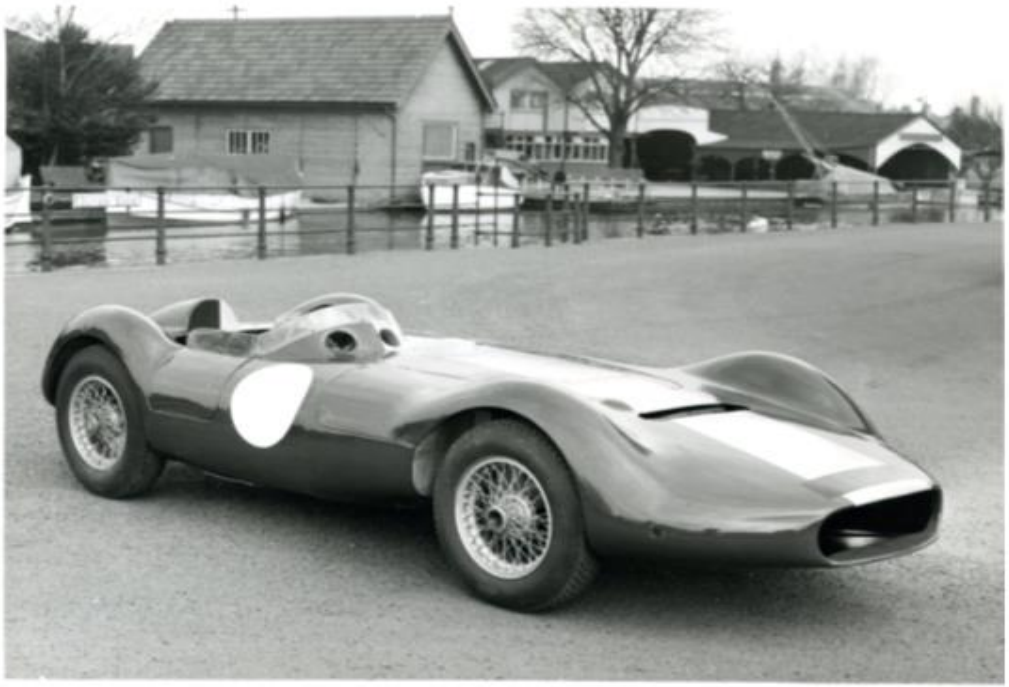
Skating under King's College bridge, 1963 *91.09*

c.38 : ice skating
see also roller skating
see also Looking Back compilations Skating

1860 Sir – I remember the winter of 1860 when Midsummer Common was covered with water. A severe frost set in and for two months there were torchlight processions and skaters appearing and disappearing like phantoms along the course. There was horseracing in the summer and two large wooden stands erected. Some things have not changed: the miserable, horrid, slow old 'grinds' or ferries. When will Cantabs wake up and have free bridges for foot passengers? – An Ely Old Boy 06 06 23c & d

1876 first skating rink opened Jan 1876 Downing St [17.2]
1888 skating : proposal to flood Stourbridge Common for skating [5.25]

c.38 : motor racing
started 16.12.05



Lister Jaguar *201.16*

1909 Trinity student killed at Brooklands motor racing track – CWN 09 07 09

1958 Early reports of Archie Scott Brown's tragic accident gave the erroneous impression that a mechanical fault in his Cambridge-built Lister-Jaguar had resulted in the crash. This was not true: the car was performing as well as ever. Archie was fighting for the lead in the Grand Prix of Spa when he hit the wall just before the La Source hairpin. Snetterton Motor Racing Club has announced that a Memorial Trophy Race will be held in his honour. 58 05 27

1959 A short ceremony will be held just before the flag drops at the next race at Snetterton. The memory of the late Archie Scott Brown will be commemorated by the unveiling of a permanent memorial in the form of a bronze head and shoulders sculptured in relief. The new Lister Jaguars are expected to make their first appearance alongside the new Lotus Seventeens and the first of the new Cooper Monacos. There is more prize money this year: the winner of the

Scrambling 1950s *64.15*

1914 motor cycling : banned from Cambridge Town & County Charity sports due to danger, even though capacity Reduced from 300 to 250 cc [7.20]

1931 Cambridgeshire had its first taste of dirt-track thrills when a crowd of 5,000 witnessed some excellent racing on the new speedway at Caxton. The management had not anticipated such a crush with the result that the solitary entrance was sorely taxed and the pay-box nearly pushed over by the pressure of the queues. Despite showers the track rode well and although there were several falls only one rider – Buster Cray – was injured. The Eastern Counties' scratch event was one by Puff Morley, who rode in fearless style. 31 04 10h

1931 Cambridgeshire speedway advertisement – 31 06 12*s*

Roller skating in Corn Exchange, 1974 *101.74*

c.38 : roller skating & skateboarding

1909 The new skating rink at the back of Hertford Street was constructed to avoid any noise nuisance. Rinking was a fashionable amusement and there would be a charge so it would not be overrun with the rough element. They wanted to have a string band, with no drums, to play at intervals. There was not the slightest intention of making it a dancing saloon but they would like a licence so it could be used for subscription dances during May Week. CWN 09 12 10

1910 A grand fancy dress carnival at the University and Town Skating Rink attracted a large crowd and many ingenious costumes were seen. When a number of undergraduates were on the rink some wonderfully complete and extensive costumes were displayed. The rink presented a very pretty appearance when the ever-changing stream of skaters was illuminated with

A bump, c1910 *172.85*

c.38 : **Rowing**

Cambridgeshire Rowing Association history – Briscoe Snelson – 63 03 09a

The City of Cambridge Rowing Club was founded on April 20 1863. 'Town' rowing had flourished in the 1840s with half-a-dozen clubs capable of manning an eight apiece . But by the mid 50's it was mainly confined to gig-pairs and four-oared activity. At times no local crew owned even a rudder string and depended on College Boat Clubs for the loan of equipment. In 1953 the club organised the first open regatta to be held on the Cam for over 50 years and in 1961 the Leys School decided to add rowing to their athletic activities, a centenary dinner heard. 63 03 29c 63 03 29c

1868 Cambridgeshire Rowing Association formed; Cambridge Town club established 1863, followed by United College Servants & Albert Institute; CEYMS & YMCA & Pitt Press followed & felt need for governing body; because of bad state of Cam - sewage etc- University

A tackle at rugby match, 1950s *175.88*

c.38 : Rugby

1904 Last week some Frenchmen visited Cambridge. There was no doubt about their being Frenchmen. They displayed many of the features of their race, but they were also possessed of phenomenal dash and staying-power. They came to play Rugby football against a team which nominally represented Trinity College but which was far stronger than any single college could put in the field. And they beat this team completely. Many seemed surprised: "I wouldn't have thought a Frenchman could last out a game of 'Rugger'" one said. The shoulder-shrugging, frog-eating Frenchman of the story-books is a rare creature. So let's banish this nursery-bred illusion and hope one day for the friendship of this great people. CDN 12.11.1904

1905 The Cambridge University v Dublin rugby match stopped suddenly and the players hastily gathered together in a group and remained perfectly still. It seemed a new way of playing rugby, even less comprehensible that the ways of the New Zealanders. Then one of the crowd ran out with a lengthy overcoat and out of the circle emerged the form of a famous three-quarter

Swim through Cambridge, start of men's race, 1950s *110.46*

c.38 : Swimming

1888 swimming : Cambridge University & Town Swimming Baths Company established [5.28, 6.1]

1896 women's bathing place completed [2.16]

1906 Cambridge Amateur Swimming club formed [17.9]

1906 Christmas bathing in the river needs a Spartan spirit and a robust constitution. But in Cambridge sufficient men enjoy a jovial gathering at the Town Bathing Sheds every Christmas morning. With the mercury hovering above freezing point, water in dykes coated with ice and a keen wind blowing across the Fen, about 30 bold spirits plunged in and one swam to the Leys

Table Tennis championships, Corn Exchange 1956 *110.85*

c.38 : Table Tennis

1901 "Ping-Pong was invented by Mr James Gibb, an old Cambridge athlete now living at Croydon. It was started one evening with champagne corks cut as nearly circular as possible, and the lids of cigar-boxes for battledores. Then he tried indiarubber balls covered with cigarette paper to make them look very white but he was not satisfied and sent to America to have some celluloid balls made. Mr Gibb was one of the best all-round athletes of his day. The game he invented continues to rage virulently in society c01 04 30

1902 In at least one thing Cambridge is abreast of the times. She has the craze for ping-pong, or to call it by its more dignified name, table tennis. For a long time past the ping of the racket could be heard coming from the houses of the up-to-date. By Christmastime ping-pong parties

Tennis match c1910 *58.41*

c.38 : Tennis & Real Tennis

Cambridge University Croquet & Lawn Tennis founded before 1885 by & for senior members of Universities of Oxford & Cambridge [17.14]

1914 brickfields on Milton road reclaimed & converted into tennis courts, 6 hard & 9 grass with 6 more in preparation [7.18]

192- Arbury Rd rapidly growing... post WWI fields converted University Tennis Courts, George VI & Duke of Gloucester played; [446.8.5]

1922 Lawn Tennis league inaugurated [6.26]

1925 Despite a shower of rain a number of tennis enthusiasts were present on Jesus Green when the Mayor opened Cambridge's first public hard tennis courts. They are situate opposite Strange's Boatyard and a part of the council's plans to develop Jesus green into a recreation ground, with facilities for a variety of games. Directly adjoining are the grass courts, nearby is the bowling green whilst further afield cricket pitches are being laid. All these will be in use by May

c.38 : **Tiddlywinks**

Tiddlywinks contest in Guildhall, 1958 *201.19*

1955 launched in modern form by undergraduates from Cambridge [11.12]

1958 University v goons tiddlywinks match – 58 01 18
1958 The Duke of Edinburgh sent a message regretting that he was unable to take part in a tiddlywinks watch at Cambridge Guildhall: "While practising secretly I pulled an important muscle in the second or tiddly joint of my winking finger. But wink up, fiddle the game and may the Goons' side win"". In his absence the Goons team, including Spike Milligan, Harry Secombe and Peter Sellers were defeated by Cambridge University. They were not helped by an eccentric uniform and intervals for refreshments such as leeks, sticks of rhubarb and glasses of Champagne perry 58 03 01a

1977 Cambridge University Tiddlywinks Club now has 21 members. In action in a dingy cold

Good Friday skipping, Parker's Piece, 1937 *181.30a*

c.39 : folklore, customs

see also c 36.94 for bonfire night, c .36.96 for mock funerals

1889 death J.W. Skeels, town crier 28 years [Misc.6.4] Ch 25.10.1889 p3 1932

1897 May Day is the name of a holiday that calls up all sorts of pretty rustic associations. In Cambridge the first day of the merry month is a most unromantic reality. A few small children straggle about the streets with more or less pretentious garlands and a Jack-in-the-Green may occasionally be caught sight of, but beyond this May Day in Cambridge is a memory of the past. In connection with Hobson-street chapel there was a "May morning breakfast" at which there was

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Opening of Cripps Building, St John;'s College 1967 *157.59*

c.44.5 : colleges

c.44.6 : Streets

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Petty Cury c1970 *152.51*

1888 Tenison Road : council want to borrow £4,000 to build [3.24]
1888 Trinity Street : St Michaels Court built [IC.10.16]

1889 King Street : Jubys Court "insanitary" [3.25]
1889 Sir – The Mill Road footbridge over the railway line was opened to the public on Monday August 3rd 1889. I was the last one to take the keys of the gates to the station – William Nelson. Sir - The iron footbridge over the railway on Mill Road had wooden steps and gave access to the open fields beyond it. In fact, so countrified was the area that when the Royal Standard was built it was known as 'Apthorpe's Folly' from William Apthorpe the brewer who built it. The bridge now stands on Coldham Common where it spans the Newmarket Line – H.D.C. 35 01 26 [2.21]
1889 Mill Road railway bridge was built in 1889 and Percy North, the well-known chiropodist, remembers playing under the bridge arches when they were being constructed. There was a level

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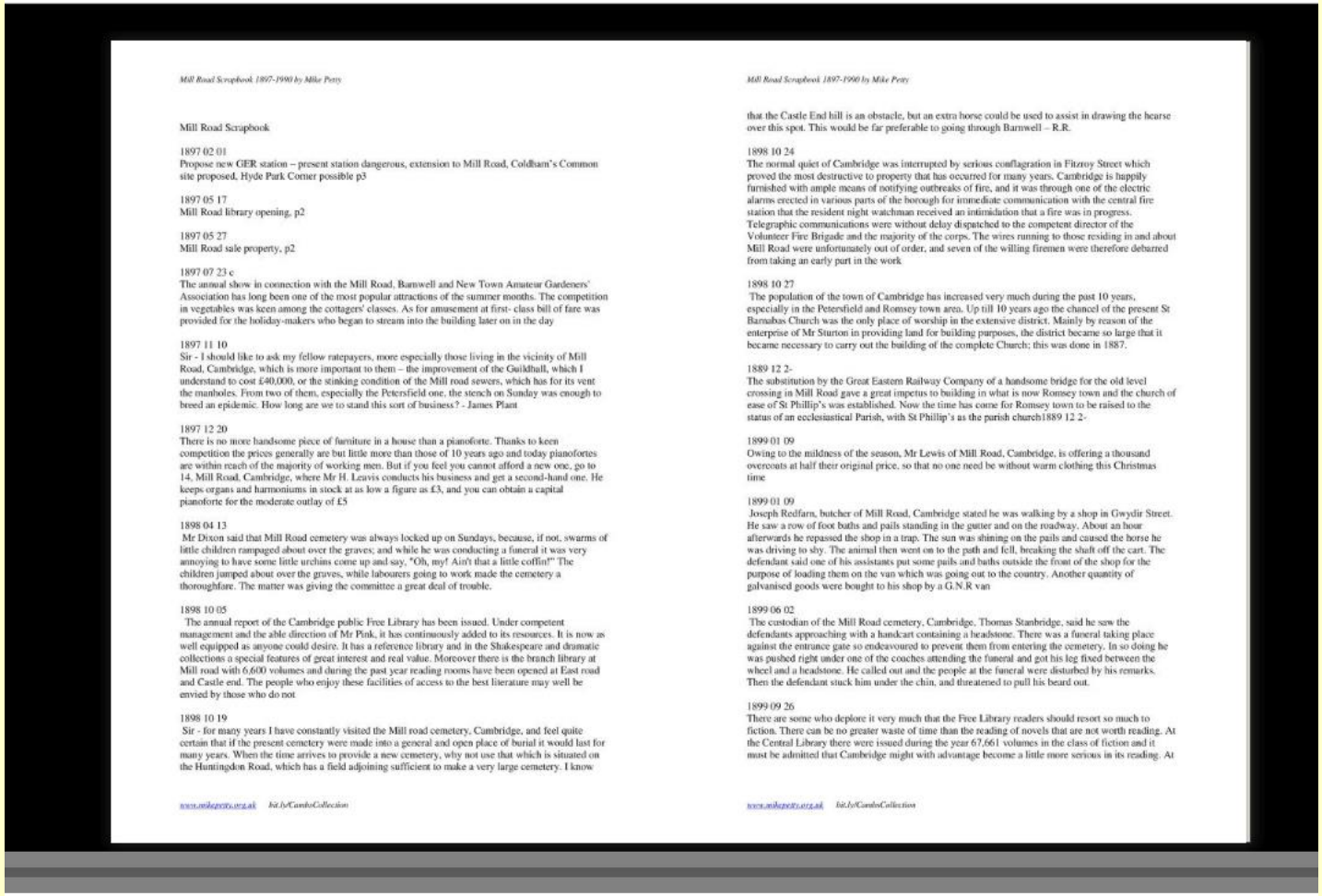

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1897 02 01
Propose new GER station – present station dangerous, extension to Mill Road, Coldham's Common site proposed, Hyde Park Corner possible p3

1897 05 17
Mill Road library opening, p2

1897 05 27
Mill Road sale property, p2

1897 07 23 c
The annual show in connection with the Mill Road, Barnwell and New Town Amateur Gardeners' Association has long been one of the most popular attractions of the summer months. The competition in vegetables was keen among the cottagers' classes. As for amusement at first- class bill of fare was provided for the holiday-makers who began to stream into the building later on in the day

1897 11 10
Sir - I should like to ask my fellow ratepayers, more especially those living in the vicinity of Mill Road, Cambridge, which is more important to them – the improvement of the Guildhall, which I understand to cost £40,000, or the stinking condition of the Mill road sewers, which has for its vent the manholes. From two of them, especially the Petersfield one, the stench on Sunday was enough to breed an epidemic. How long are we to stand this sort of business? - James Plant

1897 12 20
There is no more handsome piece of furniture in a house than a pianoforte. Thanks to keen competition the prices generally are but little more than those of 10 years ago and today pianofortes are within reach of the majority of working men. But if you feel you cannot afford a new one, go to 14, Mill Road, Cambridge, where Mr H. Leavis conducts his business and get a second-hand one. He keeps organs and harmoniums in stock at as low a figure as £3, and you can obtain a capital pianoforte for the moderate outlay of £5

1898 04 13
Mr Dixon said that Mill Road cemetery was always locked up on Sundays, because, if not, swarms of little children rampaged about over the graves; and while he was conducting a funeral it was very annoying to have some little urchins come up and say, "Oh, my! Ain't that a little coffin!" The children jumped about over the gruves, while labourers going to work made the cemetery a thoroughfare. The matter was giving the committee a great deal of trouble.

1898 10 05
The annual report of the Cambridge public Free Library has been issued. Under competent management and the able direction of Mr Pink, it has continuously added to its resources. It is now as well equipped as anyone could desire. It has a reference library and in the Shakespeare and dramatic collections a special features of great interest and real value. Moreover there is the branch library at Mill road with 6,600 volumes and during the past year reading rooms have been opened at East road and Castle end. The people who enjoy these facilities of access to the best literature may well be envied by those who do not

1898 10 19
Sir - for many years I have constantly visited the Mill road cemetery, Cambridge, and feel quite certain that if the present cemetery were made into a general and open place of burial it would last for many years. When the time arrives to provide a new cemetery, why not use that which is situated on the Huntingdon Road, which has a field adjoining sufficient to make a very large cemetery. I know

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that the Castle End hill is an obstacle, but an extra horse could be used to assist in drawing the hearse over this spot. This would be far preferable to going through Barnwell – R.R.

1898 10 24
The normal quiet of Cambridge was interrupted by serious conflagration in Fitzroy Street which proved the most destructive to property that has occurred for many years. Cambridge is happily furnished with ample means of notifying outbreaks of fire, and it was through one of the electric alarms erected in various parts of the borough for immediate communication with the central fire station that the resident night watchman received an intimidation that a fire was in progress. Telegraphic communications were without delay dispatched to the competent director of the Volunteer Fire Brigade and the majority of the corps. The wires running to those residing in and about Mill Road were unfortunately out of order, and seven of the willing firemen were therefore debarred from taking an early part in the work

1898 10 27
The population of the town of Cambridge has increased very much during the past 10 years, especially in the Petersfield and Romsey town area. Up till 10 years ago the chancel of the present St Barnabus Church was the only place of worship in the extensive district. Mainly by reason of the enterprise of Mr Sturton in providing land for building purposes, the district became so large that it became necessary to carry out the building of the complete Church; this was done in 1887.

1889 12 2-
The substitution by the Great Eastern Railway Company of a handsome bridge for the old level crossing in Mill Road gave a great impetus to building in what is now Romsey town and the church of ease of St Phillip's was established. Now the time has come for Romsey town to be raised to the status of an ecclesiastical Parish, with St Phillip's as the parish church1889 12 2-

1899 01 09
Owing to the mildness of the season, Mr Lewis of Mill Road, Cambridge, is offering a thousand overcoats at half their original price, so that no one need be without warm clothing this Christmas time

1899 01 09
Joseph Redfarn, butcher of Mill Road, Cambridge stated he was walking by a shop in Gwydir Street. He saw a row of foot baths and pails standing in the gutter and on the roadway. About an hour afterwards he repassed the shop in a trap. The sun was shining on the pails and caused the horse he was driving to shy. The animal then went on to the path and fell, breaking the shaft off the cart. The defendant said one of his assistants put some pails and baths outside the front of the shop for the purpose of loading them on the van which was going out to the country. Another quantity of galvanised goods were bought to his shop by a G.N.R van

1899 06 02
The custodian of the Mill Road cemetery, Cambridge, Thomas Stanbridge, said he saw the defendants approaching with a handcart containing a headstone. There was a funeral taking place against the entrance gate so endeavoured to prevent them from entering the cemetery. In so doing he was pushed right under one of the coaches attending the funeral and got his leg fixed between the wheel and a headstone. He called out and the people at the funeral were disturbed by his remarks. Then the defendant stuck him under the chin, and threatened to pull his beard out.

1899 09 26
There are some who deplore it very much that the Free Library readers should resort so much to fiction. There can be no greater waste of time than the reading of novels that are not worth reading. At the Central Library there were issued during the year 67,661 volumes in the class of fiction and it must be admitted that Cambridge might with advantage become a little more serious in its reading. At

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Councillors inspect Elizabeth Bridge from ferry, 1966 *73.93*

c.4.7 – bridges & ferries

Dant, Cutter ferry history and account of barge traffic – 62 08 03b & c

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In 1880-81 Headley and Edwards built an iron bridge over the river near Coe Fen and in 1897-8 the sum of £411 15s was paid for Robinson Crusoe bridge. But mystery surrounds the name. Leases from 1500 call the site the Swan's Nest which, with the old stock of boats, was sold by

c.45 : Military Activity

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Inspection of C.U.O.T.C. motor cycle section *74.59*

c.45.4 – to 1914
headlines

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Cambridge Loyal Association, 1797 – volunteers of 100 years ago by Arthur B. Gray – 15 10 27f Ch

University Officers Training Corps; valuable work in peace and war; Col Edwards' long service record – feature – 19 11 26a

Cambridgeshire Regiment history – Volunteer corps 1860-1905 60 04 12

Sir – I happen to live opposite the field-gun in Tenison Road. It is not a relic of the Great War but a captured trophy from the Boer War. To me it represents history and the enormous sacrifices made by the pick of our population. Our war memorials tell our children of a great deliverance.

Armoured motor cars on Market Hill, 1915 *168.07*

c.45.5: military history 1914-1919

During the Great War food was in short supply and Motor Agents were told to buy up mechanical implements. They managed to get some tractors and others arrived from America. Ladies, college tutors and errand boys came forward to drive and groups of engineers formed to attend them. At first they ploughed both day and night though farmers complained they turned up the sub-soil, making the land unusable. Now, once more at war, we must grow more food, Rotarians were told. 39 09 20e

1914 Jan
Territorial recruiting week has seen the Cambridgeshire Regiment up to full strength proving patriotic feeling remains strong and true. The wave of enthusiasm is spreading with recruits coming forward in gratifying numbers in Ely, March and Soham, proving Fenmen are determined not to be outdone in sturdy patriotism by the men of Cambridge. March is experiencing a wonderful revival of military fervour; the numbers had sunk very low but now there is every prospect the Company will be brought up to full strength. – pic Col Louis Tebbutt & Capt H. Littledale, parade outside Gt St Mary's – 14 01 16 j,k,l – 430 recruits

c.45.6 :military 1920-1938

1920 Haig & Jellico awarded Honorary Degrees [4.1]

1920 war memorial, £6,000 to Addenbrooke's Hospital, skeleton frame erected Station Road corner [455.8.23]

0 Memorial Unveiled—The parochial war memorial in connection with St. John Hills Road Cambridge was unveiled last (Tuesday) evening by Bishop Price, Archdeacon of Ely. The memorial, which was designed by Mr. A. P. Macalister takes the form of a tablet in the south wall of the chancel. Underneath the representation of a dove hovering over a field of battle, is a polished brass plate bearing the names of 45 men of the parish who fell in the war. The memorial is in Hopton Wood stone in early English style, and was executed by Messrs. Leyton and Leach 20 06 02 CIPof

1920 Training disable soldiers – 100 in classes for diamond cutting, clock repairing, jewellery, carpentry and joinery and bespoke tailoring; men come from around the country - CDN 20 07 13

1920 Borough War Memorial.—Statue of Soldier Recommended. Station Road Corner Site. A meeting was held at the Cambridge Guildhall yesterday (Tuesday) of the Monuments Sub-Committee of the Cambridgeshire Joint War Memorial. The meeting gave its final consideration

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There was no sign whatsoever of any panic. A.R.P. services went into operation smoothly and efficiently.

The A.F.S. speedily dealt with small outbreaks of fire and rescue and demolition parties removed most of the injured in a very short time.

Raid on Vicarage Terrace, 1940 *70.3*

CAMBRIDGE DAILY NEWS, Friday, January 31, 1941.

BOMBS NEXT DOOR — BUT SHE CARRIES ON!

Bombs dropped by a "tip and run" raider in an East Anglian town yesterday afternoon fell between two houses and caused local damage. Windows were also broken in the streets around. These pictures show scenes where the bombs fell. A housewife is calmly brushing from her window debris blown from the house next door, and Civil Defence workers are taking refreshment after their duties have been completed. It was learned to-day that the fatal casualties were only two, and not three, as was first believed.

c.45.7 – 1939-1945

NB see my CD-Rom of 100 Cambridge wartime headlines- not all inclu summary

1939-45 -

during WWII hutments erected Brooklands Avenue for use American Red Cr American forces [446.9.8]

Chesterton House requisitioned by Civil Defence [446.10.6]

60 Grange Rd - Silbury - was convalescent home run British Red Cross 1941, convalescent home [446.12.5]

Hallen's requisitioned for military production, Air Ministry contract for repairing motor cycles in east Anglia; by end of war had 100 employees [446.13.3]

CDN Protest 1962 *58.42*

c.45.8 – military - 1945 -

1946 US Hospitality hostess, Miss Lilian Bourne, leaves Cambridge [2.22]
1946 Abbey House offered for Folk Museum in recognition of VE day [2.16]
1946 German PoWs from Oakington attend Guildhall meeting [2.26]
1946 Cambridge University Air Squadron ceases its wartime function and reverts to peace-time role as flying centre for undergraduates – photo – 46 06 12
1946 If atom bomb dropped over Perse School it would damage all houses between Homerton College and Castle Hill, Newham and Gas Works; soon anybody will be able to manufacture it in back garden – 46 10 05

M.J.Petty, A Chronicle of Cambridge News 1888- c.46.45

John Mellanby guides Richard III Society party *88.80*

c.46.45 : tourism

headlines

1906 About 500 day trippers from Manchester poured into Cambridge, attracting much attention. Most were obviously north-country lads and lasses, the lads in tweed clothes and caps, the lasses in more daring colours than usually seen, and all with an accent broad enough to span the Cam. " 'Aw, lad, but this is bonny little toon", said one to another. The Cam was prettier than their Ship Canal. It proved a greater attraction than the colleges and the visitors took practically sole possession of it. 06 05 19a

Mill Pool before Graduate Centre 160.57

c.46.5 : River Cam

Jesus Lock was designed by William Chadwell Mylne who advised the Cam Conservators in 1829 that the river to Clayhithe should be deepened and the number of locks reduced from four to two. The University feared that moving the lock from its old site at the Fort St George would not prevent flooding, so the famous engineer Thomas Telford was called in for advice. There has been concern that it might be replaced but now John Taylor of Coldham's Lane has helped obtain a preservation order to ensure its survival 89 08 24

1887 Summerhouse and walled garden, known as Hodson's Garden were built in 1887 by wealthy local resident John Hodson so that he could keep a watchful eye on his daughters bathing in the river and oversee a fish hatchery he had constructed nearby. The land it was on was common land which he had annexed and the borough council tried to remove him but failed. – CEN 20.8.2005; photo 71156/55

c.49 : Planning

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Occupation Road dereliction, 1966 *139.77*

c.49.4 : planning (includes Lion Yard & Kite which are also listed separately)
headlines

1888 1st large scale OS maps surveyed 2 years before published; Free Library purchase [Ch.13.4.88 p4]

1901 consider closing Emmanuel Street & new road St Andrews St to Drummer St - "gain a fine new road instead of an inconvenient one [1.6]

1903 Cambridge architect Edwin Bays has produced a plan for a new 60 feet-wide road from Downing Street to Guildhall Street, parallel to Corn Exchange Street. This would create valuable frontages for business premises on either side and lead to a site for a new Cambridgeshire County

Park Street multi-storey being built, 1964 *54.40*

c.49.62 – roads and parking
(see also c. 26.48 – cars, c. 26.481 - parking)

headlines
1888 Tenison Road : council want to borrow £4,000 to build [3.24]

1889? Mill Road : bridge opened [2.21]
1889 Tenison Road : opened, all but completed [2.20,3.26]

1897 Guildhall Street : proposed new thoroughfare [2.19]
1898 The Cambridge surveyor gave particulars of what the council propose to do to the roads. From Station Road to St Andrew's street it was proposed to lay Australian "Jarrah" hardwood

KITE PLAN 7
Well, the Kite plan may be a dead duck but its a damn sight more difficult designing something the public actually like.'

Councillors discuss Kite – cartoon, April 1976 *106.92*

c.49.66 : Kite :

1936 Fitzroy Street shop owner blames losses on Corporation slum clearance and multiple shops 36 05 30

1950 Holford report suggests historic centre unable meet shopping needs of future, "We regard Fitzroy Street as ... a valuable relief for shopping pressure on the older centre" [9]

1952 Ninety-one percent of the properties in the East Road area of Cambridge fell into the "short life" or "no life" categories the Development Plan inquiry was told. The area as a whole was described as "densely packed". The age of the houses was about 100 years, they were generally poorly constructed and the worst property in Cambridge lay in the area. The plan envisages using Norfolk Street as a local shopping centre to keep East Road free for a traffic route. But Mr S.P. Yarrow, retail grocer at 35 East Road said that if he went to Norfolk Street his turnover would be cut by half. B.G. Reynolds of Renbro Wireless Services, East Road, said he had one of the best positions in the area and business would go down if he moved. They did not see why two shops in East Road should impede the flow of traffic. c52 11 15

Lion Yard redevelopment site, 1972 *154.52*

c49.67 : Lion Yard

Lion Yard redevelopment history – 88 05 05b

headlines

1951 Cambridge Council is to recommend a scheme for a multi-deck car park at the Lion Yard. The Surveyor suggests all adjoining property owned by the council should be demolished, the opportunity being taken to widen Corn Exchange Street and St Tibb's Row and that the possibility of further extensions to St Andrews Hill for offices, shops or increased car park facilities should be borne in mind. He submitted a plan showing a building of six floors which could accommodate 825 cars c51 03 14 [1.12]

1956 If the City Council feel unable to implement the development of the Lion Yard area, then the Government should nominate the County Council as the acquiring and development authority

Prince's Folly, 1950s *110.24*

c.61 – architecture
note: includes some of prominent buildings lost
headlines

1898 Cambridge town council accepted a design for new police and fire brigade buildings, which it is proposed to erect upon the Spinning House site. If the new station is erected the whole of the existing buildings, which are not conspicuous for their beauty, will be removed, with the exception of the chief constable's house, and the fire station and firemen's quarters will be completely isolated from the police building. A new main entrance will be erected and it is suggested that the present stone gateway to the police station should be removed to the back

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TO CHELSEA
HELLO RATS
LOMBARD
CHEYNE WK.
SAYING AU REVOIR TO CAMBRIDGE FOR A WHILE
WE HAVE HIED US TO OUR GARRET
DONNED OUR ARTISTIC TEMPERAMENT
AND ARE GORGING OURSELVES ON THE PAVEMENT AT THE 'LOMBARD'
AH! IT'S NICE HERE
BREATHING IN WHISTLER 'NOCTURNES'
AND BATTERSEA POWER STATION! BUT DON'T TAKE IT TOO BADLY
WE'LL BE BACK SOON— WITH SOME BUNS!
RONALD SEARLE CHELSEA

Ronald Searle leaves Cambridge - cartoon, July 1939

c.64 : artists
– started 25. 2.06 c.63

1901 Any attempt to portray life and characters at the 'Varsity, especially Cambridge, without mentioning that wonderful, but indispensable, personage technically known as the Bedmaker, would be the basest ingratitude on the part of the portrayer, says Mr Frank Rutter in his article on "University Types". What if she does clean your teapot with paraffin, or entertain her friends to breakfast in your room? Such little perquisites are well-earned by the "Bedder" who at her best is a motherly creature and known to stick staunchly to her "young gentlemen" in the hour of need. CDN 1901 08 24

1903 Sir – I believe a great number of antiquarians in Cambridge will learn with regret that the Falcon Inn Yard in Petty Cury has been removed to make way for modern improvements. So quietly has the old Falcon taken flight that I fear our local photographers have not secured pictures of the old buildings and its destruction has escaped even the lynx-eyed representatives of

ROUGHS FOR THE ROLL OF HONOUR
1939 1945
IN GRATEFUL MEMORY
OF ALL THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES
CIVIL DEFENCE AND CIVILIAN POPULATION

Inspecting Roll of Honour in Guildhall, 1954 *110.55*

c.62 : war memorials - for church memorials see c. 83

1904
discussion about site for War Memorial, one suggestion is at junction of Hills Road & Station Road, finally decide to erect it at East end exterior of Gt St Mary's church [1.10]

1913 Ivett & Reed stonemasons noisy stone-cutting machine 13.05.30 p10 CIP

Cambridge Camera Club member at film show, 1962 *149.99*

c.65.5 – photography

headlines
History of Cambridge photography – 60 08 22

Cabinet-size portraits were invented in the spring of 1866 and John Werge visiting Cambridge two years later was surprised to find Cambridge men had not adopted it; writing in 'Photographic News' of 10 April 1868 he says: 'while there is a rush for cabinet portraits in Oxford, Cambridge holds aloof. … lukewarmness of Cambridge photographers. Carte-de-visite size was most popular – 37 09 18a
George Proctor was earliest photographer, says Pink; he lived in New Square and died 1867.
Ernest Smart has a number of family portraits 39 12 30
Daguerreotype photographs were expensive and it was not until 1851 that a cheaper process came along. This was the collodion positive invented by Mr F. Scott Archer of Bishop's Stortford who died in 1857. These were framed portraits on glass and they were made in thousands at feasts in

'Bachelor of Hearts' filming, 1958 *109.02*

c.65.6 : movies, films set in Cambridge

see also c. 76.9 for cinemas

1904 The Midsummer Fair brought its usual amusements but the cinematograph held undisputed sway: it is the autocrat which swallows hundreds of 'tuppences' and is always ready for more. It was patronised liberally and showed some very excellent representations of national and local life. War pictures form no inconsiderable part of the programme and among the turns of local interest were views of the May Races and the boiler explosion at Linton. CDN 24.6.1904

c.69 : Music – 40 pages of notes

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The Rolling Stones at the Regal, 1963 *65.34*

c.69 : music

Musical history of East Anglia – Charles Cudworth lecture – 62 07 10

headlines

1888 Excelsior Christy Minstrels concert at Cambridge Guildhall [2.22]
1888 Mr Wood's Banjo Team concert [2.23]
1888 Hague Ingram's 133rd annual concert of classical music [2.24]

1889 X.L.C.R. Minstrels concert [2.25]
1889 lecture on the phonograph - a novelty in Cambridge [2.26]

New Year dance 1950s *123.45*

c.69.2 : dance

1897 The Guildhall floor has become so unsafe that when a ball is held in the large room the most elaborate precautions have to be taken to support the beams in the ceiling of the Free Library beneath. This shoring-up process costs something like 30/- each time and is a sheer waste of money 1897 02 27 CDN

1904 cost of converting Corn Exchange for ball is several thousand pounds for one evening [6.19]

1905 Souza's band visits [3.17]

Compton organ at The Regal, 1971 *157.14*

c.6.9.4 : organs

1898 Henley Arthur Bedwell, a Cambridge piano and organ builder claimed £2 from the Great Eastern Railway for damages sustained by a piano and a case which had been considerably damaged by wet. The manager of the Cutter inn, Ely said he packed the piano before it was sent back. He took it to Ely station and deposited in a goods shed. James Merry, goods foreman at the station, gave evidence as to loading the piano safely on a truck. A tarpaulin was tied over it. There were some barrels of beer in the same wagon, but they were not leaking. Harold Pain, an optician, produced a register proving that there was no rain during the transit of the piano c1898 09 30

1906 Dr A.H. Mann, the University organist and chorus master, completed 30 years work in Cambridge. He was appointed organist of King's College in 1876, coinciding with the founding of the new choir school and important changes in the musical services at the chapel. They hoped his tenure of office at King's would match that of his predecessors – Dr Pratt (55 years) and Dr Randall, 66. 06 06 08a

Handbell ringers, 1890s *186.17*

c.69.6 : bellringing

1898 At the vestry meeting of St Paul's church, Cambridge the chairman said that every Sunday morning their quiet communion service was greatly disturbed by the Roman Catholic Church bells. When they first started they hoped they would get used to them, but, as they continued to disturb them he took the opportunity of speaking to the Roman Catholic priest, and he said he would consult his congregation. But for a long time he could get no response, but afterwards he replied that the St Paul's bells rang for five minutes before eight o'clock, and disturbed the Roman Catholic service. The speaker had given orders that St Paul's bell should be wrung for half a minute to warn the people, and half a minute when the service was to commence, and expressed a hope that the Roman Catholic priest would see his way to having his rung for a short time only. This he refused to do, and so every Sunday morning half the St Paul's quiet service was disturbed by the ringing of the Roman Catholic bells. Mr Catling also spoke of the noisy bells of the Catholic Church, and the disturbance caused to those living around c1898 04 10

1899 Sir – In order to affix the new clock St Matthews church bells have been floored. A very strong protest should be made against the bells being again re-hung, for of all the abominable, discordant clanging, nothing can be compared to them for wretched sound. Instead of drawing

c.76 : Theatres

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Prince Edward at Arts Theatre 50th anniversary, 1986 *141.94*

c.76 : theatre
headlines

Professional actors could be imprisoned in Cambridge - F.A. Reeve article on early entertainment – 61 06 09a & b
New Theatre, formerly St Andrew's Hall and Theatre Royal, St Andrew's Street – history by F.A. Reeve 61 06 16c & d
Sturton Town Hall as theatre – memories – 37 09 11c
Barnwell Mission anniversary – at last performance in theatre some of scenery got on fire and scribbled all over were the words: "A parcel of fanatics have bought this place, and acting will not cease; review development of religion in region 13 11 28 p4 CIP
Festival theatre invited audience to see performance again free, encouraged smoking and had programmes printed so could read by holding up to light – feature – 64 08 26

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Parade of elephants, Chipperfield's circus, 1952 *109.61*

c.76.2 : circus

Readers have responded with information on Keith and Tudor's circus on Midsummer Common. Mr R. Bainbridge says it was a large wooden building at the junction of Victoria Avenue, where the lamp standard is, at the corner of Jesus Grove. It was pulled down due to the expense of standing there and rebuilt at the bottom of Auckland Road. Mr Keith was the ring master and Mr Tudor was the clown. Sam George competed for a cup given by the late Charlie Rowell. It was a race 20 times around the ring over four hurdles every round. The circus finished late 1893 or early 1894 just before the Royal Show was held on Midsummer Common. He still has some of the building that was built into a shed. 37 01 16f

'One with a memory' writes: "My father put Tudor's circus up twice in Cambridge and once in Ipswich and eventually at the Romsey Town Cement Works, where the main part still stands and

c.76 : Cinema

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Tivoli Cinema, Chesterton Lane, 1920s

c.76.9 : cinema

note: for Cambridge-made films see c. 65.6
source
M = C.S.Manning "The Cinematograph & animated pictures : Cambridge 1896-1
Cambridgeshire Local History Council Bulletin no.39, 1984

headlines

early moving pictures – 33 07 29
Arthur Melbourne-Cooper was the builder of St Alban's first cinema, a photograp
maker who was also a stunt man and acting coach. Having trained in his father's
business he became cameraman to Birt Acres, a scientist who in 1892 was experi
'moving projection figures'. Arthur made short films which were presented by th
travelled Hertfordshire showgrounds then set up a company and filmed extensive

Library users 1905

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Some of the thousands using the Collection each month in 1998 189.92

c.77.4 : libraries

note: items in [. . .] from Cambridge News Library index cards

headlines

1894 Free Library open to those living in country Ch 5.1.894 p8

1895 New Cherry Hinton reading room opened [2.1]
1895 Boots subscription libraries opened Cambridge 1895 – feature – 88 06 30

1897 Mill Road library opened, Barnwell reading room closed, June, Barnwell reading room reopened, November [1.3,2.2]

Mill Road Library 1996

142.05

c.77.81 – University Library
note started May 2009

1910 The late John Willis Clark has willed to the University Library all his books, pamphlets, manuscripts and collection of views relating to the town, county, colleges or university of Cambridge. – 10 12 02f

1913 Suffrage attack St John's college library 13 06 20 p8 CIP

1923 By the death of its librarian, Mr F. H. Jenkinson, the university loses one who has served it with great distinction for many years. He was a man of remarkable and attractive personality. But possibly what most people will recall were his remarks on the care of books. He told a Library Association conference that it seemed incredible that educated men would send packages of six books by parcel post wrapped in one thickness of indifferent paper and held together with string. Strapping books on bicycles was another deleterious practice. "Perhaps some of us care

c.83 : Churches

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Holy Trinity Church spire repairs *10267*

c.83 : religion

headlines

Congregationalism in Cambridge during C17 – history – 37 05 27a
Bernard Nutter – Story of Cambridge Baptists – review 12 11 01c & d

1885 Cambridge Salvation Army's earliest days, 50 years ago were recalled by the Mayor, Ald Ralph Starr. He told how a band from Liverpool had come to give them a send-off. "I remember seeing them go down King Street, a singing multitude of people thronging around the band, who were trying to play, and some lads and lasses marching behind. The crowd were not only hustling and pushing them but dealing out blows to those who were playing. Several bandsmen had blood on their faces, but they did not retaliate. It was that which affected me most", he said. 35 04 29

1888 Jewish congregation founded

St Barnabas fire, Aug 1966

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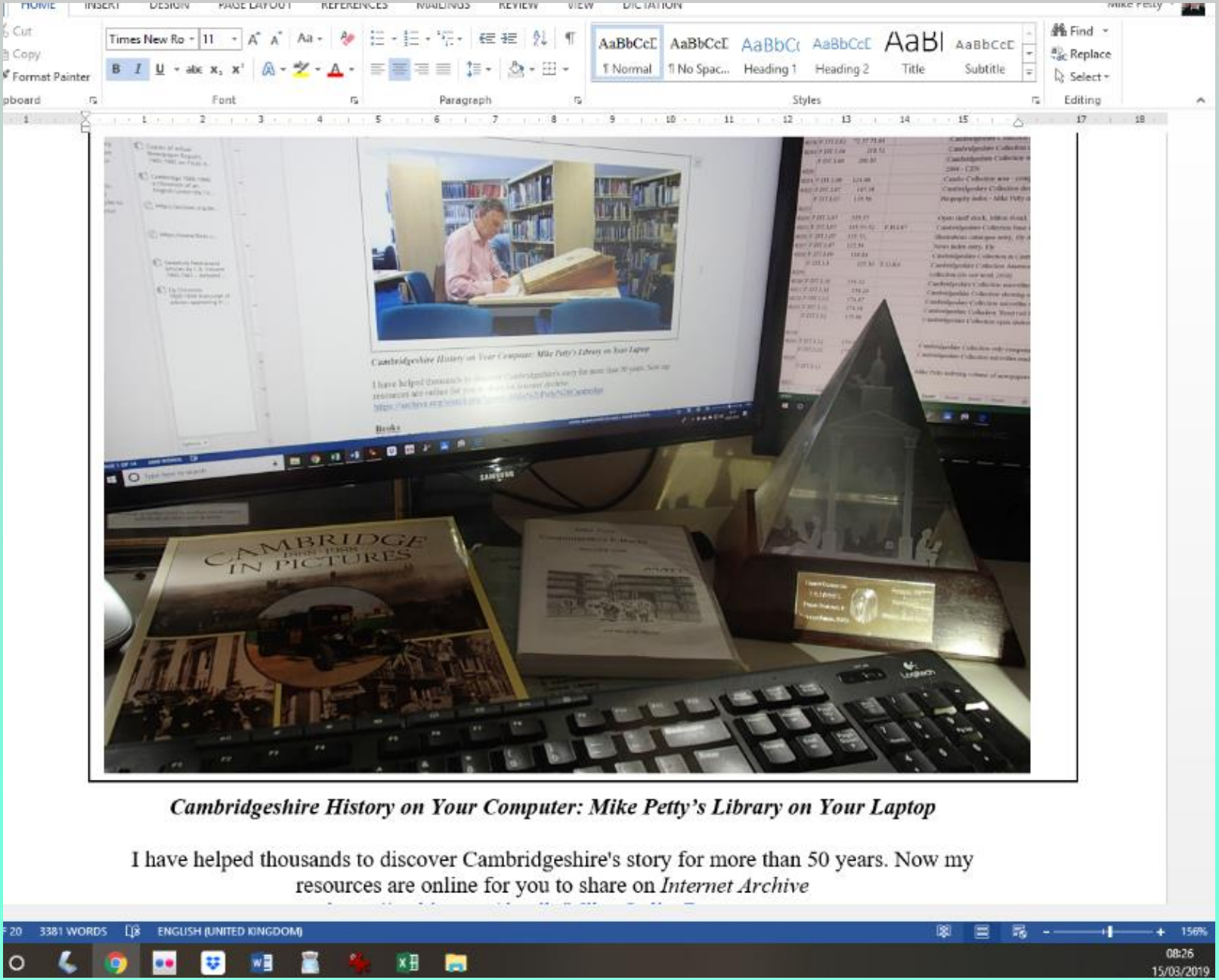

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